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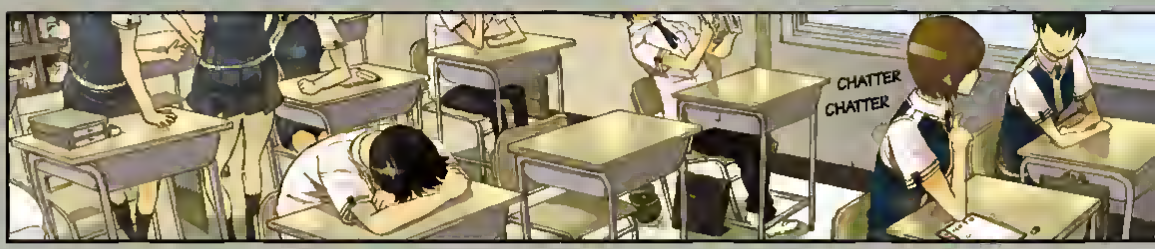
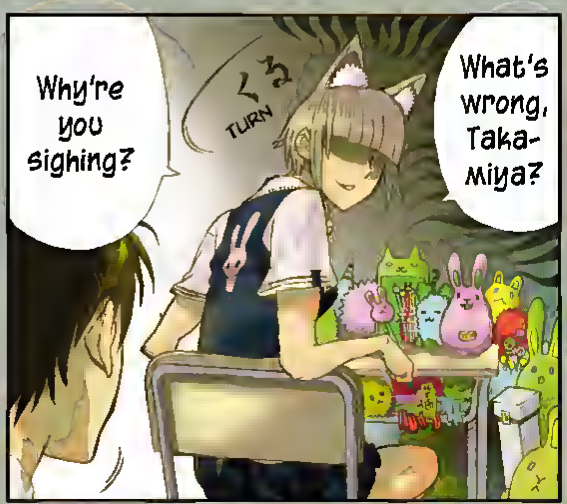
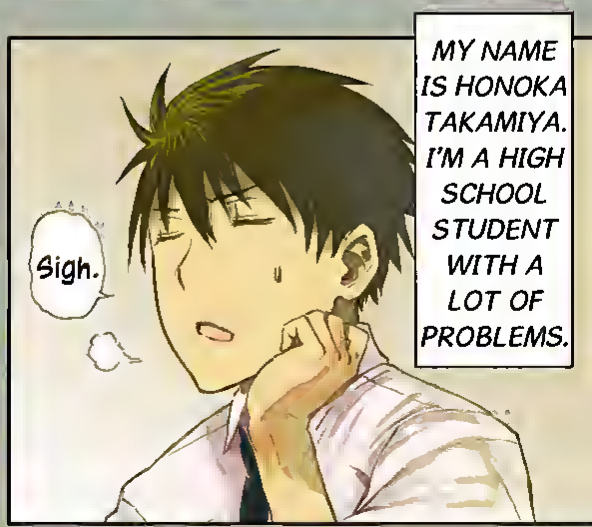
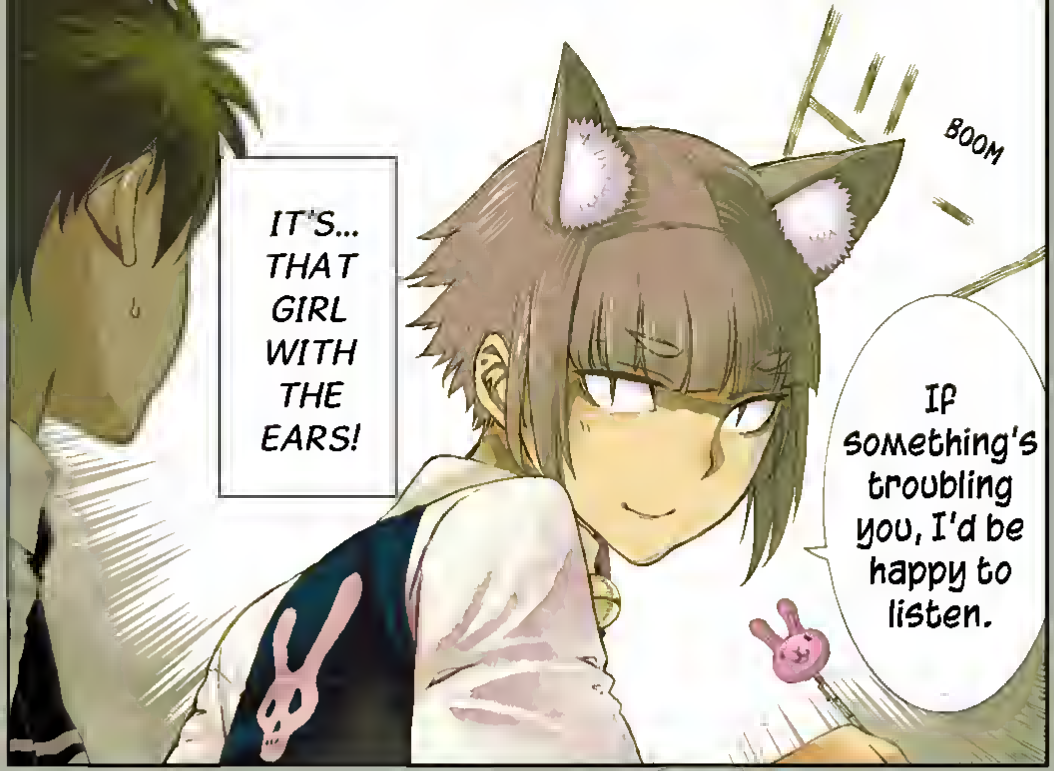
CHAPTER 4.5 Takamiya and the Story Until Now

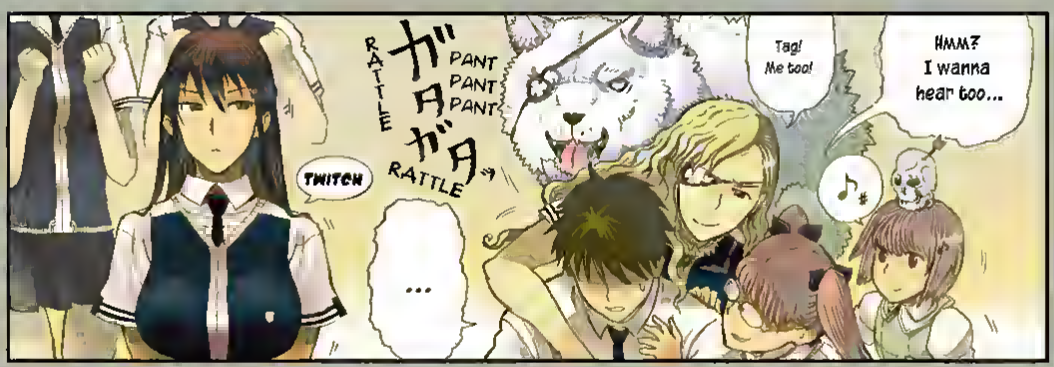
Next to Honoka Takamiya, average high school student, sits Ayaka Kagari, the "princess" of the Tougetsu Academy and its most beautiful student. Kagari is always by Takamiya's side, even on the way to school or when covering class duties. But it turns out, she's also a Fire Witch on a mission to help Takamiya! Then, one day, Tower Witches who seek to get their hands on Takamiya's secret power transfer into their class. The witch versus witch battle for Takamiya has only just begun!

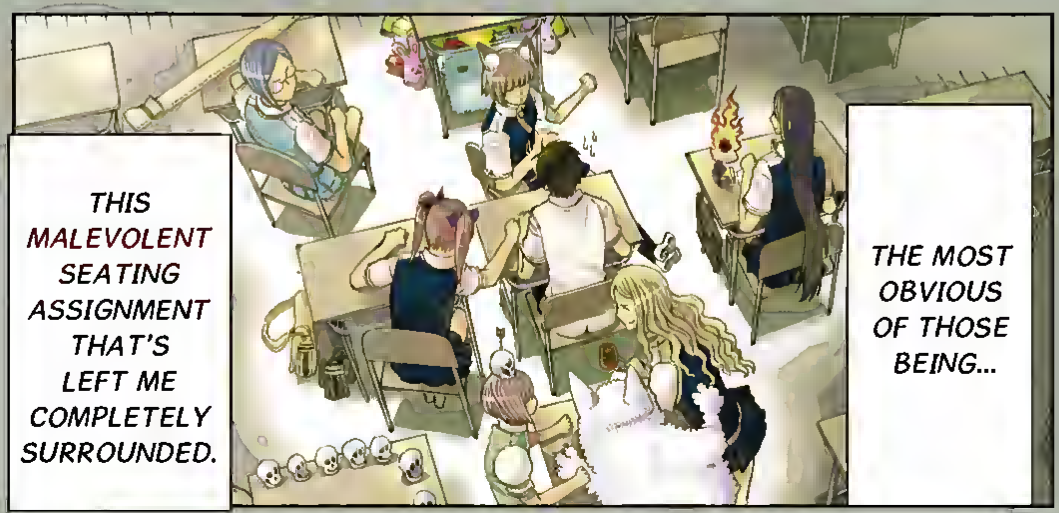







IT'S... THAT GIRL WITH THE EARS!
BOOM
If something's troubling you, I'd be happy to listen.


RATTLE
ガタガタ
PANT PANT PANT
RATTLE
TWITCH
...
Tag! Me too!
HMM? I wanna hear too...


THIS MALEVOLENT SEATING ASSIGNMENT THAT'S LEFT ME COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.
THE MOST OBVIOUS OF THOSE BEING...

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VERTICAL COMICS

We're taking you out today,
and he'll be ours at last!
8 a m
Hey!
Fire Witch.

Don't you remember our meeting yesterday?! We're using our "Rapid Stream" attack!
Get in formation!
She's invincible.
You sure, Tanpopo?

An apprentice's job... is to watch their master and learn.
Just sit there and watch, Takamiya.
Okay.

PREPARE YOURSELF!
It's going to be different this time!

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Okay, I need to watch carefull— Wait, it's already over!!!

SERI-OUSLY, WHO IS THAT?!
CHATTER CHATTER
Prin-cess!
CLANK
Morn-ing!

HM?

They must be ener-getic...
Heh,
those girls at-tacked you first thing in the morning.

I guess not, th—
カタッ
CLANK
I always imagined that your box would be filled with love letters.

takes care of them for me.
My fan club
?!!
ハラ
FLUTTER
DIE
CURSED LETTER

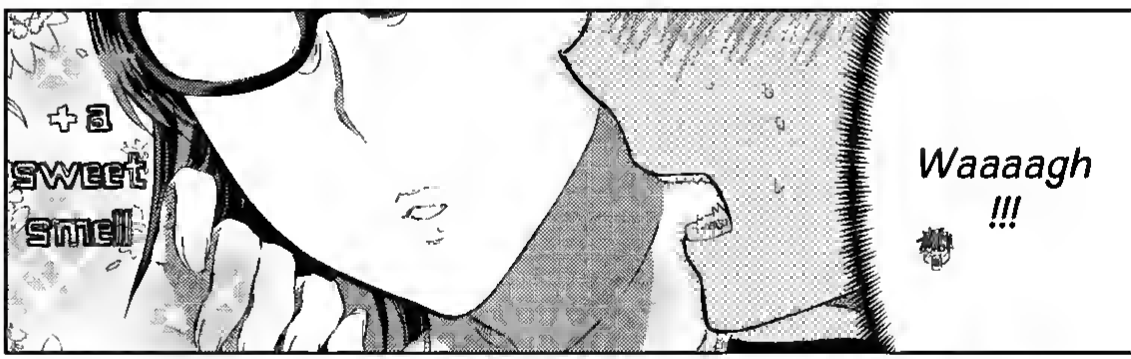
AAAGH !!!
BWOOSH

...MY NAME IS HONOKA TAKAMIYA.
...
IT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED, BUT THESE GIRLS KNOWN AS "TOWER WITCHES" ARE AFTER ME.
That's why they wrote these...
Er! Maybe?
Will you read all of those?
WHUMP
Princess!
Princess! Good morning!
Good day, princess!
I love you, princess!
THIS IS KAGARI.
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, STYLISH, SMART, THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN SCHOOL, MY CLASSMATE...
AND A WITCH WHO PROTECTS ME.
By the way... did you watch that battle closely?
Huh?

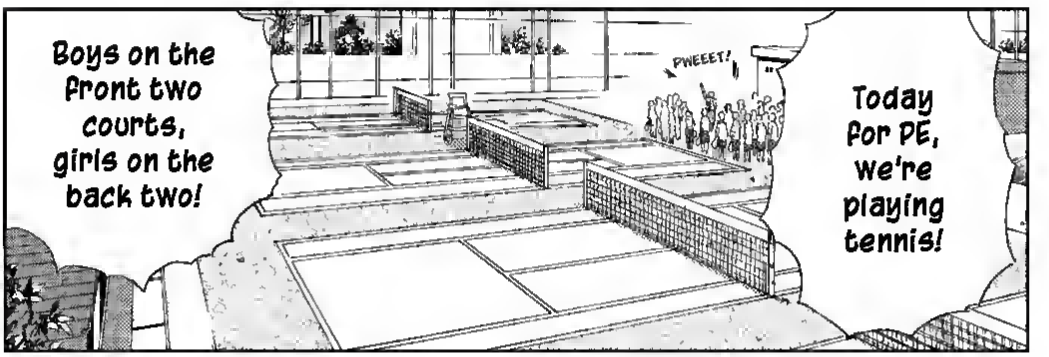
NOT ONLY THAT, SHE'S NOW—
Okay?
Good morning, Princess!
There's meaning in even the smallest of details.
It may have ended quickly, but that doesn't mean there was nothing you could learn from it.
Princess!
IN CHARGE OF TEACHING ME MAGIC!
Good morning Princess!
Good morning to you, Princess!
КУДД!
Beautiful as always!
Princess!!
CLUNK

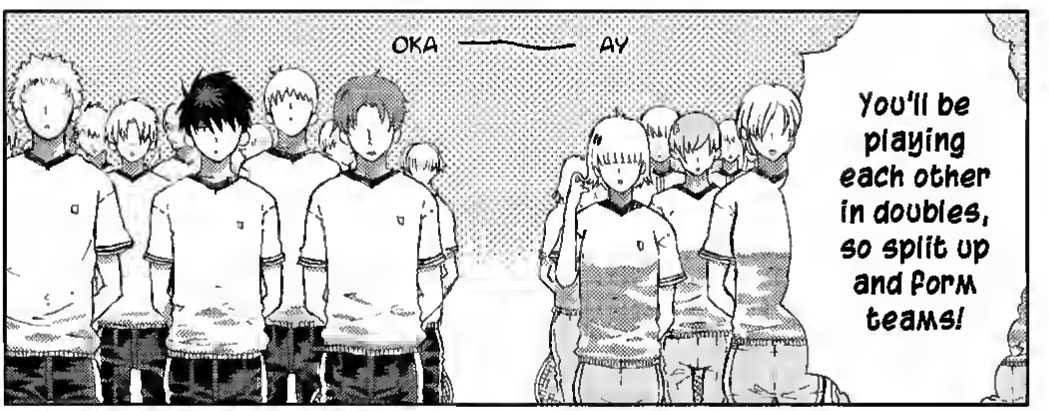
Read these during your break.
POOF
Center Exams: Science
Comprehensive Mathematics I
SIMPLE MODERN JAPANESE
Physics I + II
University Exam English
Mathematics 1-A
World History
WHOA!
THUD
They're a part of your training!
CHak
ちゃっ
BOOM
Aren't these...
!
UMM ... Chemistry, Math, and English?
If there's anything you don't understand, just ask.
WIGGLE WIGGLE WIGGLE
MUTTER MUTTER
Teach me too!
Why him, princess?!
UM—

I don't even understand the first page.



Line up!
CLAP CLAP
All right, everyone!

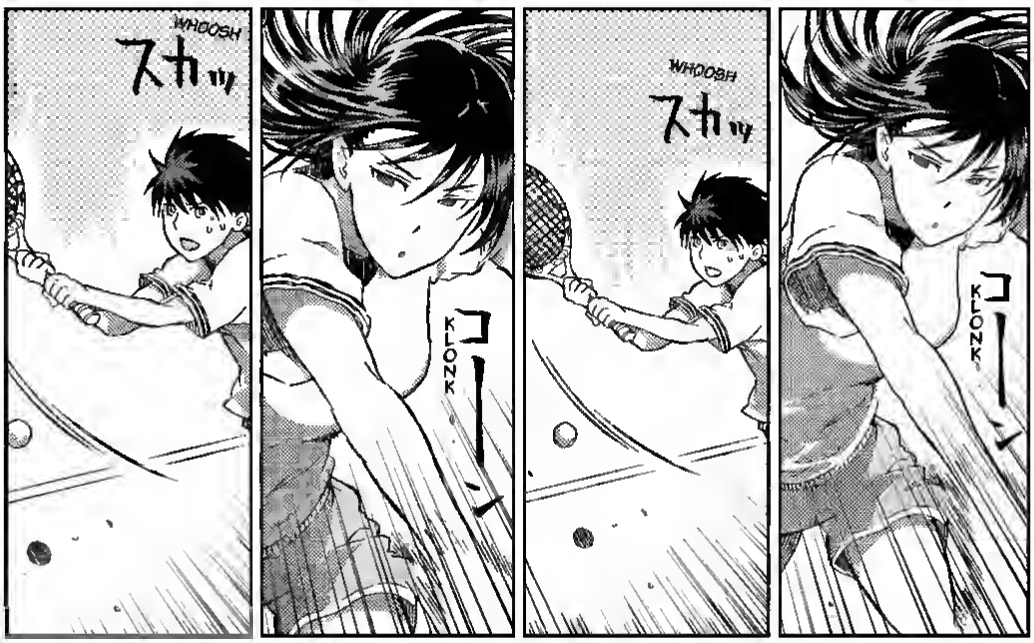

Boys on the front two courts, girls on the back two!
PWEEET!
Today for PE, we're playing tennis!


OKA
AY
You'll be playing each other in doubles, so split up and form teams!

SST
Taka-Miya.

CHATTER
ざわ
CHATTER
ざわ
Huh?
Kagari ?!
Hey, these are same-sex teams!
Let's team up.
UGH
FWOOSH
BADOOM
You over there!
Team up with the princess!
She wants to play against the boys, so you can be her partner!
SPTOO
Seriously ?!
This is also part of your training, Takamiya.

LEAN
すっ
We're going to go undefeated.
FIST
BUMP
So close!
Uh ...
Okay!


WHOOSH
スカッ
KLONK
コー
WHOOSH
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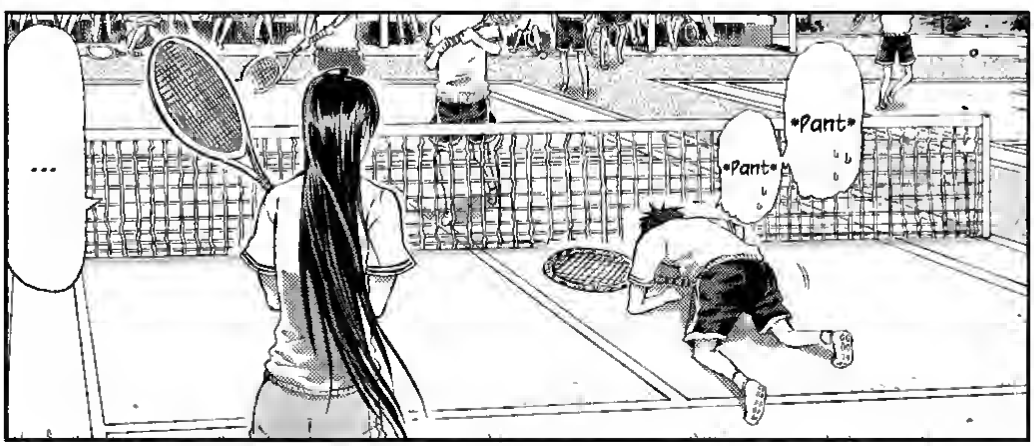
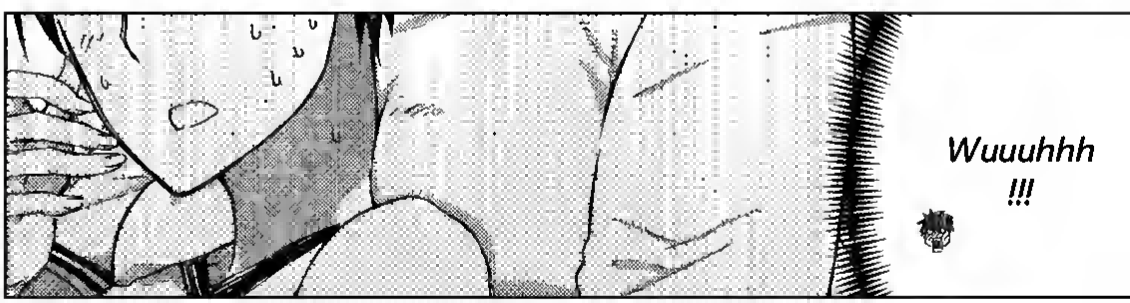
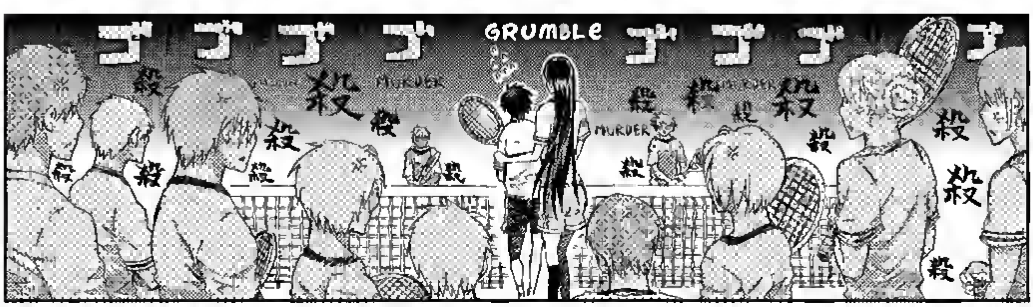
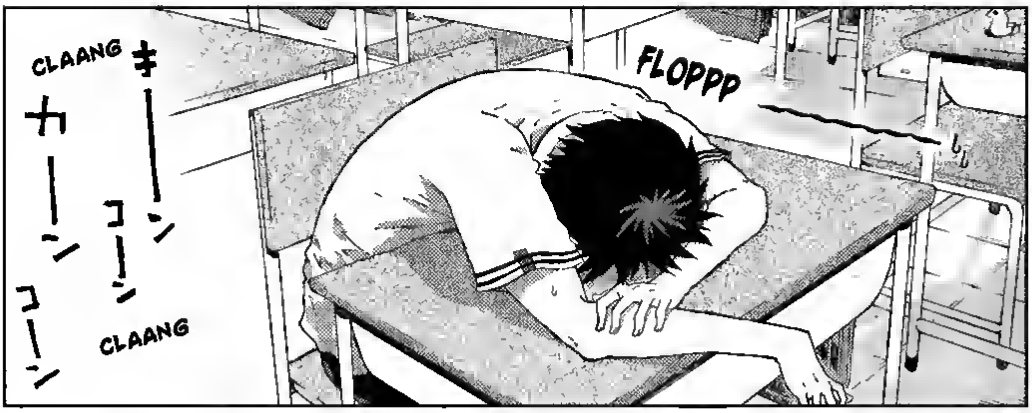

...
Pant
Pant

And relax your shoulder.
Now, hold it like this.
SQUUEEZE
ギュ
Come on, stand up.
GET
HM?


Wuuuhhh !!!


GRUMBLE
MURDER
MURDER



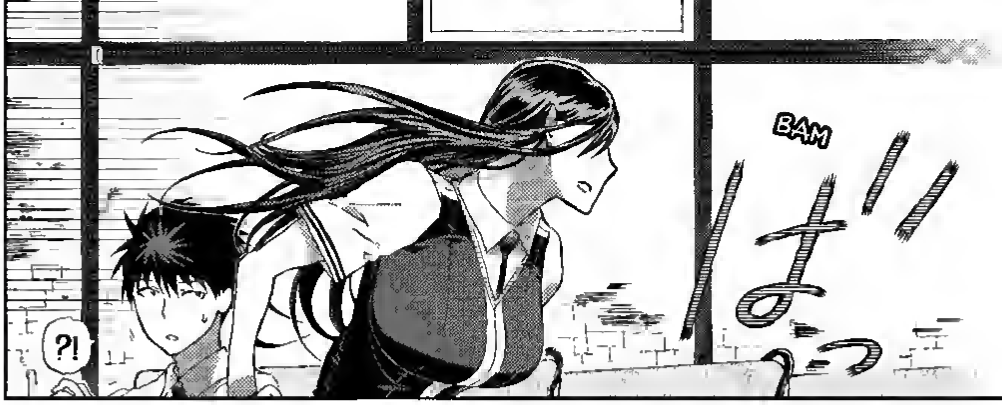
I'M HAPPY THAT KAGARI IS SO INTENT ON TRAINING ME THE RIGHT WAY, BUT...

UGH... I CAN FEEL THE MALICE EVEN MORE THAN USUAL.

YOU CAN'T SHRINK BACK LIKE THIS.

VRRM
HUH ?!
Tougetsu Academy
BUS STOP
WE'RE GOING HOME ?!
バーン
BOOM
HAP-
PENS.
He's the princess
YOU CHOSE THIS FOR YOURSELF.
AND AFTER SCHOOL IS WHEN THE REAL TRAINING...
Tougetsu Academy
No rush. If you can put something off a day, do so.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
JEEZ, MY MASTER IS SUPER-PROTEC-TIVE...
but you looked so tired ...
That was the plan,
STARE
Ack!
HMM ...
I was ready for things to get real once classes were over.
PSSHH

...I'm sorry, Kagari.
?
You're always having to worry about me.
...
ゴトン CLUNK
ゴトン CLUNK
Heh heh.
Still, yesterday surprised me.
The school I've always been going to
was actually your secret base!
And the Chairwoman was the big boss!
Well, it is a PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL FOR WITCHES...
That's—
Next Stop
Tougetsu Academy
KLIK KLIK KLIK
Next Stop:
DEADEN
DING
HUH ?
IT IS ?!
ガラ CLUNK


BAM
ばん
?!

ゴン CLUNK
ゴン CLUNK

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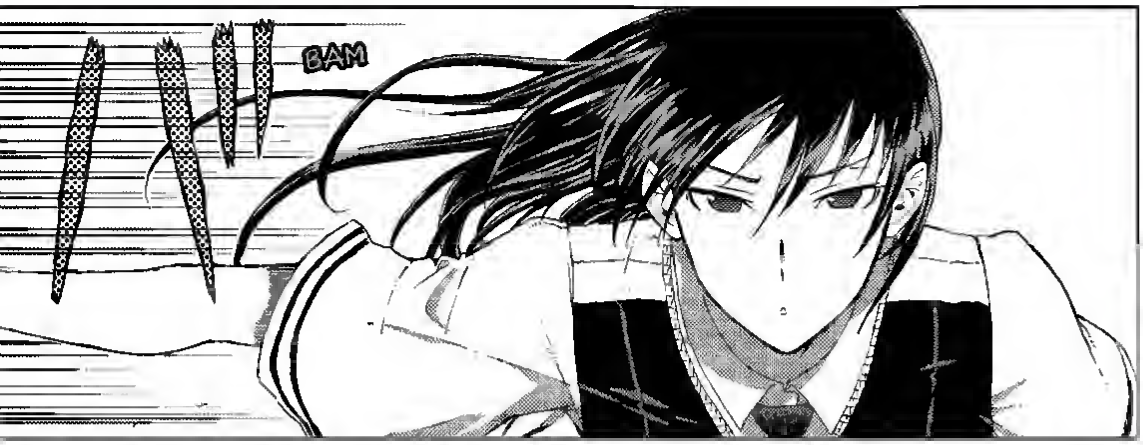
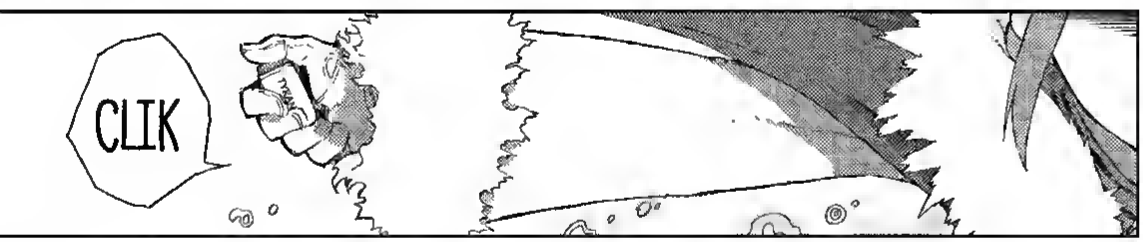
Stay there.
POOFT
What's wrong, Kagar—
GTT
My master once said
that lives are much like sweets.
HOP
Mostly either
strawberry shortcakes or gâteaux au chocolat.
Now,
Why would that be?
ZZZZTT
KLOK
KLOK
In any case,
a pleasure to meet you two.
The Princess Takamiya, and— I do believe you're Kazane's girl. The Firestarter, right?

I am Chronoire Schwarz VI, the Tower Witch.
Consider this my graceful entry into the fray!!
BSSH


BAM

BAM


CLIK

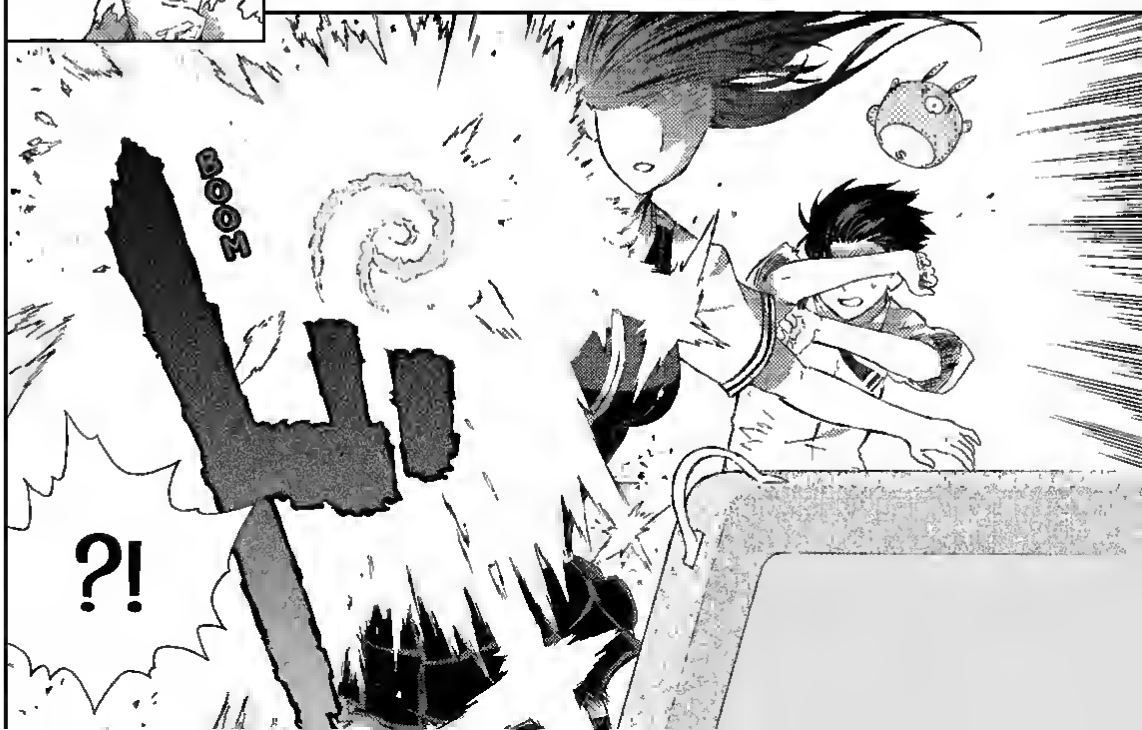
STICK
ヒロイン
?!

You would be a nuisance to deal with...

CLUNK
ガヘ
?!
What's wrong? Who is that?

I've used Aion Extraction to activate the Seas of Nous.
But let's not fuss about the details.
ZZZZ
ズズズズ
KLOK
KLOK
So you'll just be FROZEN there for a bit.

CLIK


BOOM
?!

KAGARI !!
SSHHH
Ke-keh. So you really are untouchable.
WHA...
It's me you want, right?!
BAM
!
!
Stop!
But what's truly important is this...
GRIN
Her body could be skewered, her limbs torn,
her heart gouged... But that woman will not die.
AS I VERIFIED.
I'll cut to the chase, then.
You must not know anything.
Protecting her with your own body...
Hrm. How admirable.

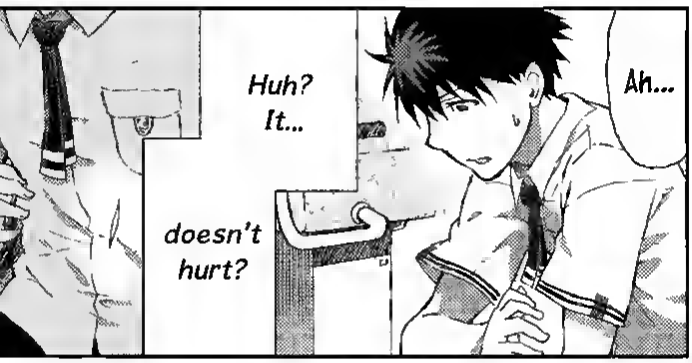
GIS
STAB

Wha...

AAAAAGH
UGH...

GIS
ずりゅ
ZSSH

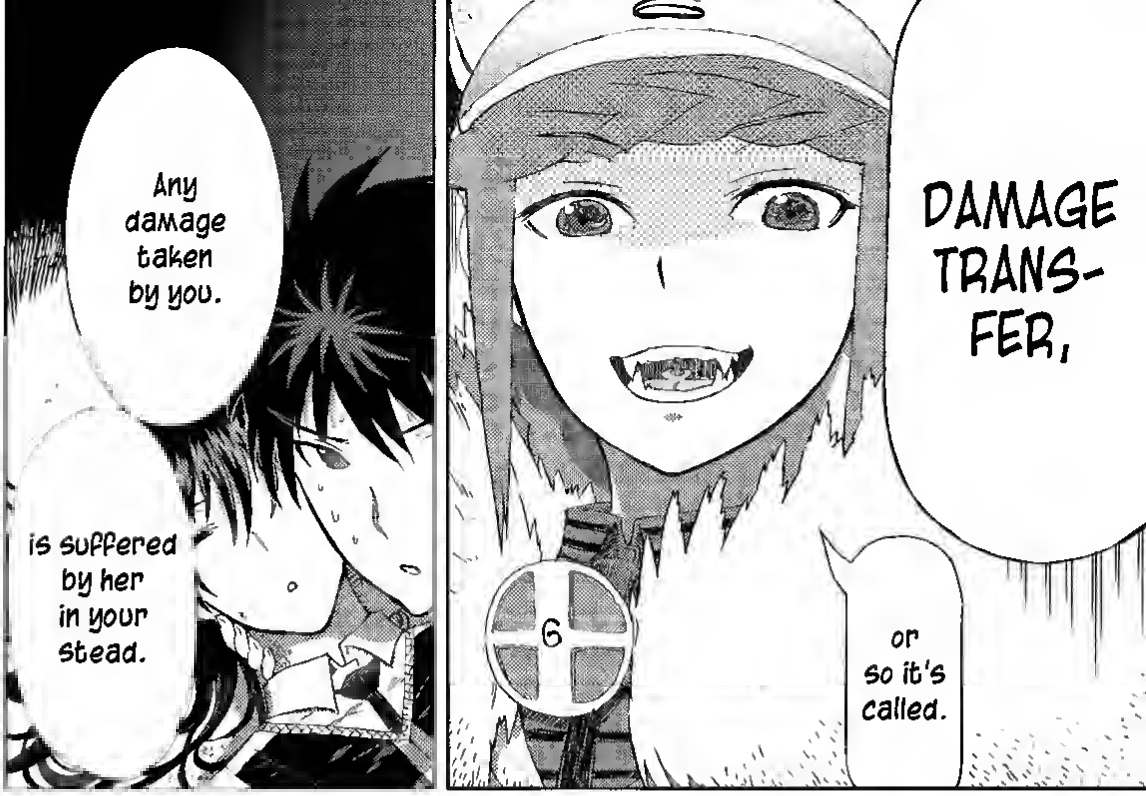
Now where
does it hurt?

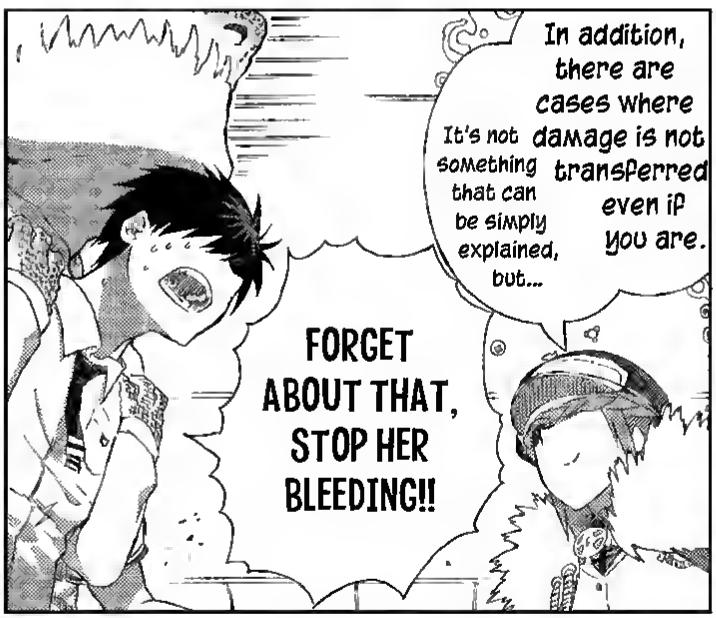

Huh? It...
doesn't hurt?
Ah...

My clothes are torn, but...
It doesn't hurt.
HUD
CLIK
CLIK

Kagari!!
BAM
!!
DRIBBLE
ぬる

What did you do to her?!
Look at where she's injured.
Th...
That's right. I need to see how she's hurt, first.
She needs first aid—
Huh?
Ke-keh. Have you noticed yet?
That wound is where you were stabbed.


DAMAGE TRANS-FER,
or so it's called.
Any damage taken by you.
is suffered by her in your stead.

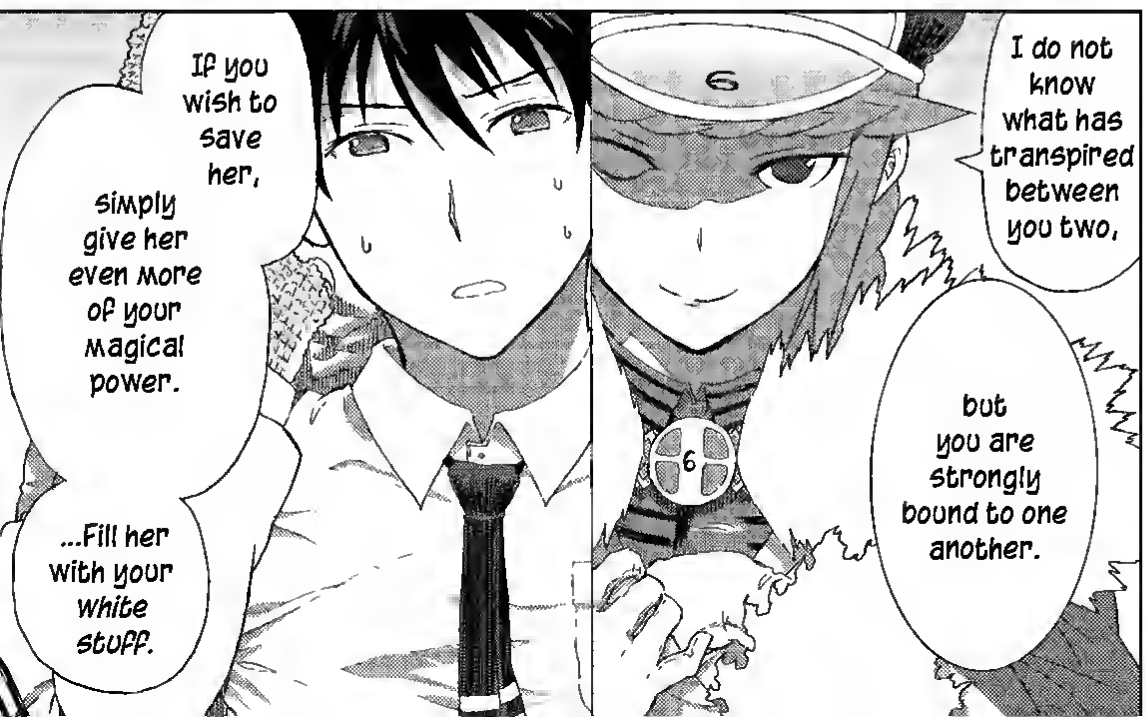

In addition, there are cases where damage is not transferred even if you are.
It's not something that can be simply explained, but...
FORGET ABOUT THAT, STOP HER BLEEDING!!

How-ever.
ACK!

This power only activates if you are near.

Be quiet and listen.
If you don't, the woman dies!

She has borrowed the power inside of you to become an invincible witch.
Such is the privilege given to her as your knight and sworn protector.
So, why does this woman suffer your damage?
Simple. That is the fate of anyone who has formed a contract with you.


If you wish to save her,
simply give her even more of your magical power.
...Fill her with your white stuff.
I do not know what has transpired between you two,
but you are strongly bound to one another.

?!
This medicine will release your power.
AE. G.I.S
6
SHFF
Now swallow this.

but doing so would be unwise.
I could force you to swallow it,
Indeed it is.
So,
that's your goal?
This is already forceful...

something terrible would happen to the world.
Kagari said that if I fell into the hands of the Tower girls,

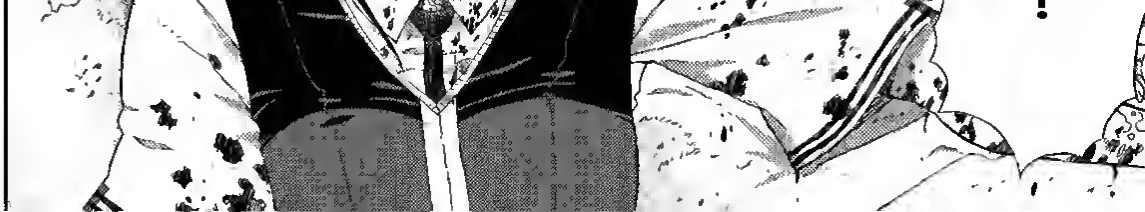
...Hmm.
Perhaps it would. But what do you care for the fate of the world?
!
This is your one and only way to save her.

Allow me to make a prediction.
You will find yourself with no other option but to take this.

And if you'll have to take it some day,
do it now.
Cause I'll give it to you with your first kiss.
Quite a deal!

BAM
!!
GWOOSH

Wh—
KOFF
KOFF
Wha
?!
Agh.

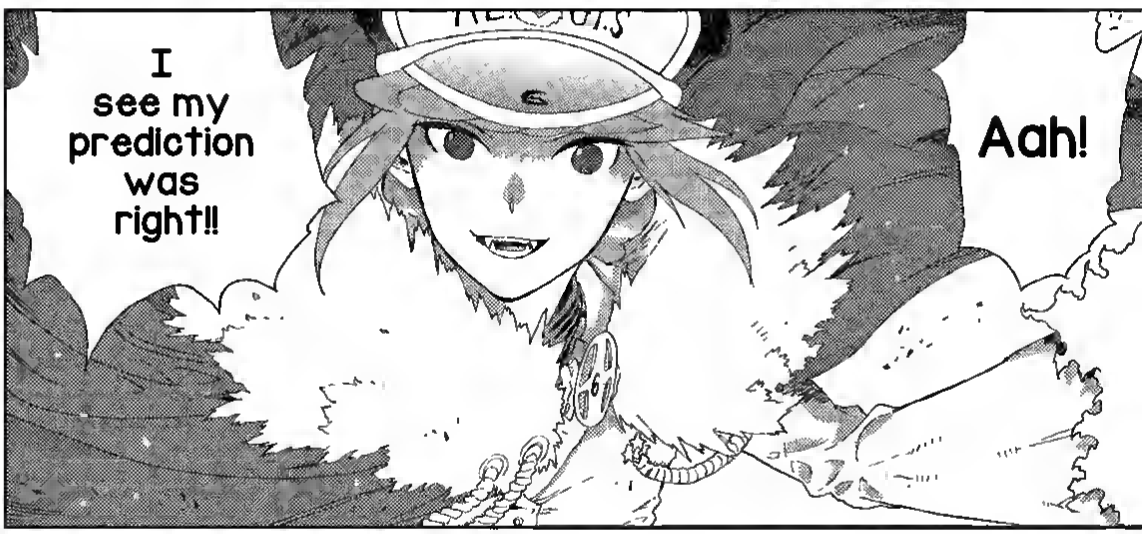

KAGARI
!

GRIP
WHY ARE YOU ...
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO RECKLESS!!
FAINT
It's okay...
Taka-Miya...
SST...
This...
is nothing.
!
More important-ly,
I have a request...
What?
...
I'm about to...
become someone not like myself.
Would you... close your eyes?
GRIP
Is there
...
anything else I can do?

...Think of me.

...Think of me.

FLASH
STING


I see my prediction was right!!
Aah!

GWOOSH
Fire Witch!
My apologies for the nasti-ness,

THU
MP
GRRT

WALPURGIS is coming soon, and there...
we shall meet again, in good health...
GLUPP
SSSSHHHHHH
but my barrier is reaching its limits.
Sadly, I'll be making my exit here.
SPLOOOSH
ZZZT
What a beautiful sight... I would have loved to play with you longer,
GAG
...
There she is, at last.

What a beautiful sight... I would have loved to play with you longer,
ZZZT
AE. G.I.S
GAG
...
There she is, at last.

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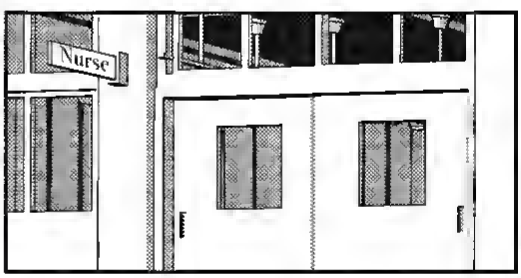
Sadly, I'll be making my exit here.
SPLOOOSH
WALPURGIS is coming soon, and there...
We shall meet again, in good health...
GLUPP
SSSSHHHHHH

Ugh...
RISE

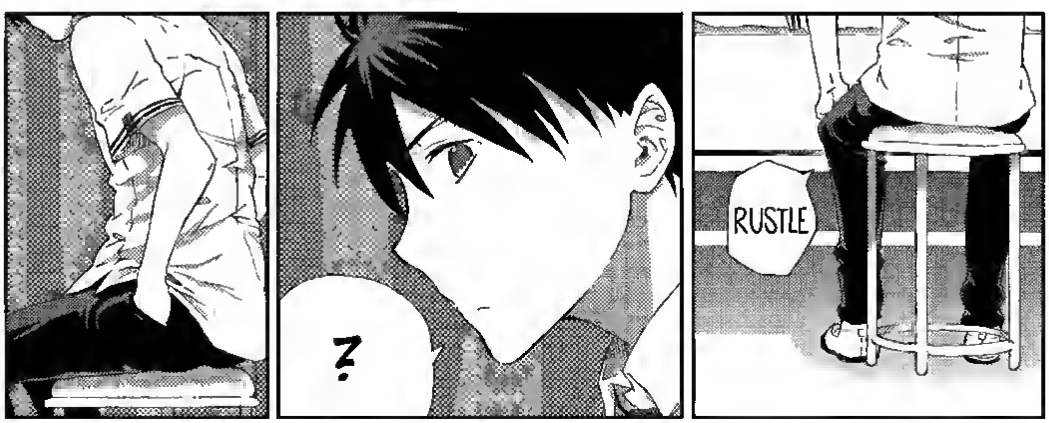
The bus stop... in front of the school?
...
This is...
Tour Academy

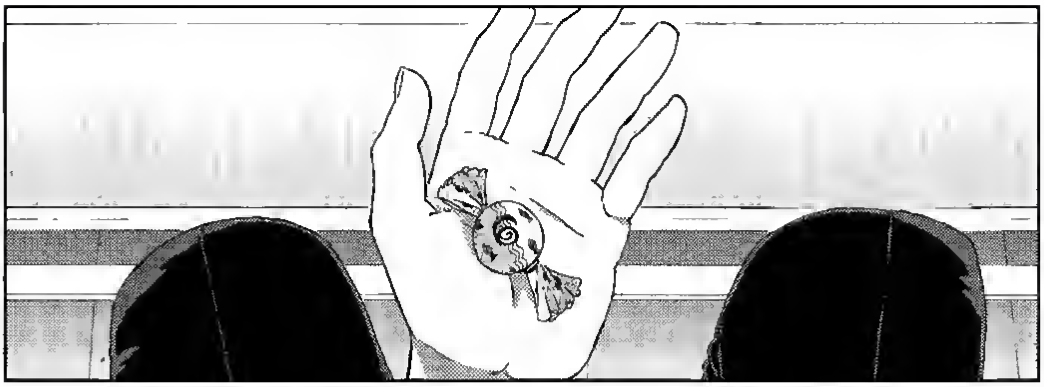

Nurse

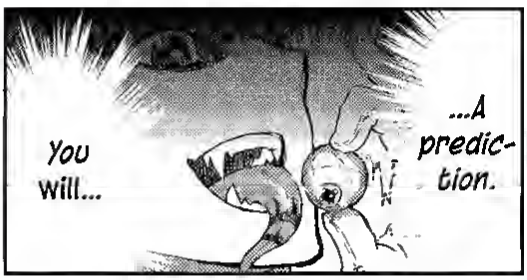
KAGARI!
!!

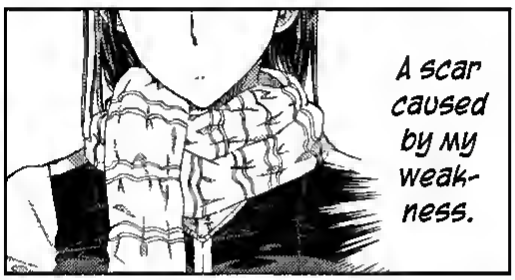
She's just resting. Don't worry.
It's Mild anemia.
Okay.

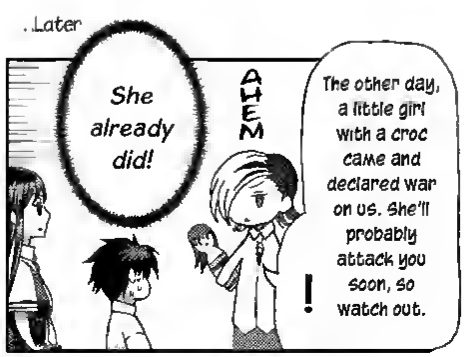
AND NOW,
IT'S MY FAULT AGAIN THAT SHE'S...
I GOT MAD WHEN IT HAPPENED, BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT—
DOES THAT MEAN I ALREADY KNEW OF HER THEN?
THAT REMINDS ME,
KAGARI SINGED HER HAIR THAT ONE TIME.


?
RUSTLE

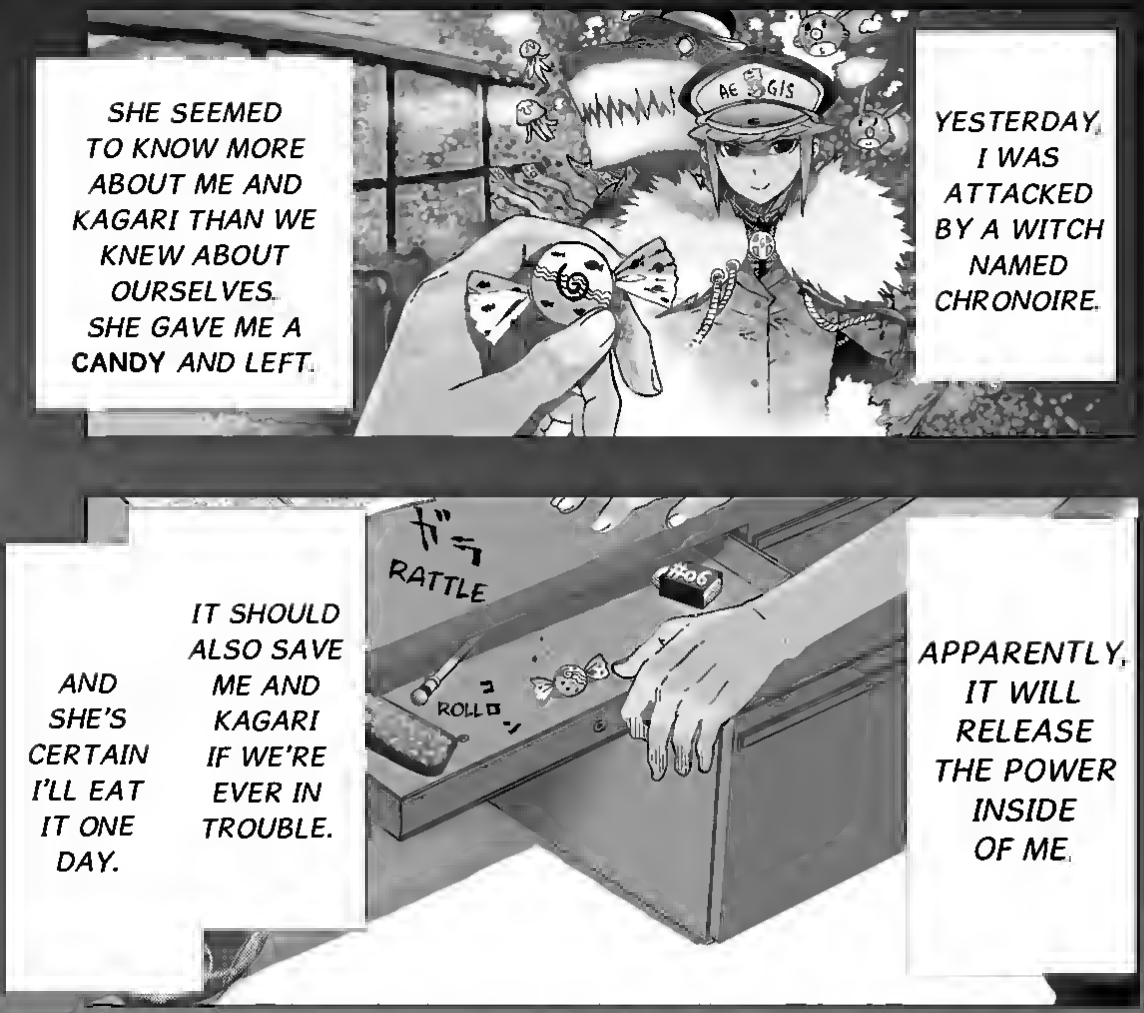



You will...
...A prediction.


A scar caused by my weakness.


Later
She already did!
AHEM
The other day, a little girl with a croc came and declared war on us. She'll probably attack you soon, so watch out.
!

Witchcraft Works



YESTERDAY, I WAS ATTACKED BY A WITCH NAMED CHRONOIRE.

SHE SEEMED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME AND KAGARI THAN WE KNEW ABOUT OURSELVES. SHE GAVE ME A **CANDY** AND LEFT.

APPARENTLY, IT WILL RELEASE THE POWER INSIDE OF ME.

IT SHOULD ALSO SAVE ME AND KAGARI IF WE'RE EVER IN TROUBLE.

AND SHE'S CERTAIN I'LL EAT IT ONE DAY.

ON TOP OF THAT, GETTING ME TO EAT IT IS HER GOAL. BUT OF COURSE, I DON'T PLAN ON MEETING HER EXPECTATIONS.

SO THAT'S WHY I'M DOING THIS...

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AFTER SCHOOL
THE GYM.
—Takamiya,
are you ready?

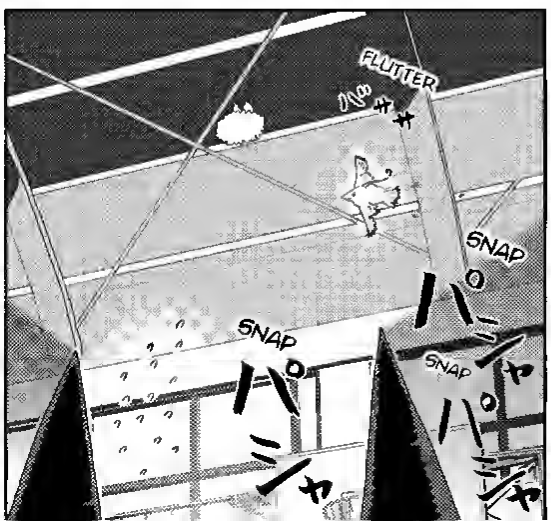
...Yeah.
The real magic lessons begin today.
ZAKK...
I'm looking forward to it, Kagari!
But... Um... This outfit's kinda... embarrassing...

...

HUH?
WHAT?!
AGH!
パシャ SNAP
パシャ SNAP
パシャ
パシャ SNAP
パシャ

ちゃっ
SHOOM

It fits you perfectly. I couldn't help myself.
TWEEET
CHIRP
CHIRP
UM... Kagari?
Ha ha... Thanks ...


FLUTTER
パタタ
SNAP
パシャ
SNAP
パシャ
SNAP
パシャ

WAIT— NO!!
LET'S TAKE THIS MORE SERIOUSLY KAGARI!
ZING
Oh, I see. You seem eager, Takamiya.

In that case ...
Today, I'll teach you about your robe,
and the witch's outfit you're wearing right now.

That said,
seeing is believing.
KLOK
KLOK
Takamiya?
HM?

HUH?
Try to jump.
COING
NO SMALL
Not like that.
HOP HOP
10cm
DASH
TWEEET
Jump like you're going to fly through the ceiling.
Put everything you have into it.

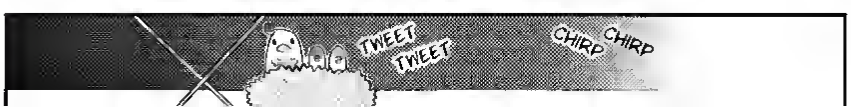
POW

FLO
AT
WHOA
!

HEY—
WAIT...
CHIRP !?
GWOOSH
I'M FALL-ING!
... WAIT,
I'M SORRY !!
CHIRP
CHIRP
AGH !!
STAY AWAY FROM MY NEST!

FWOOSH
BAM
GRAB

?
Under-stand what?
...
Under-stand?
...
Thanks.


TWEET TWEET
CHIRP CHIRP

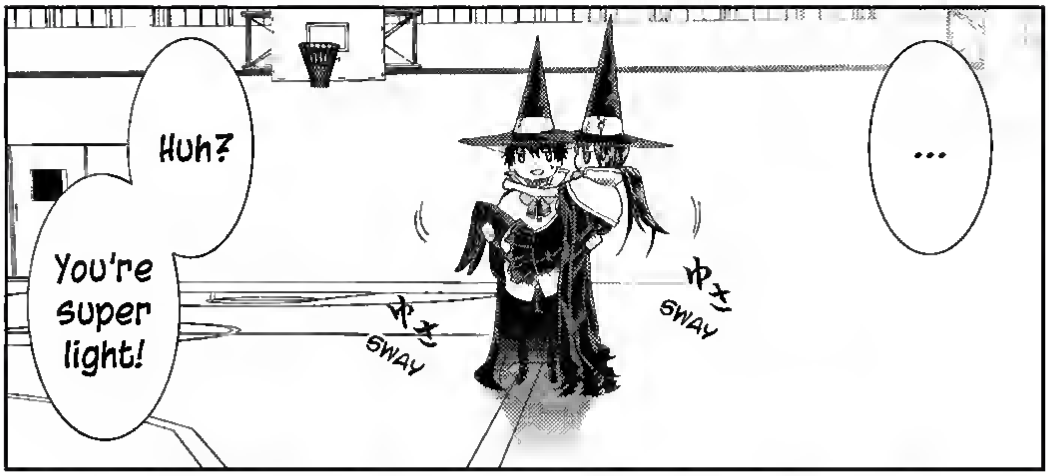
Okay.
Then, hold me.
BOOM
ぼん
If you don't understand after that...

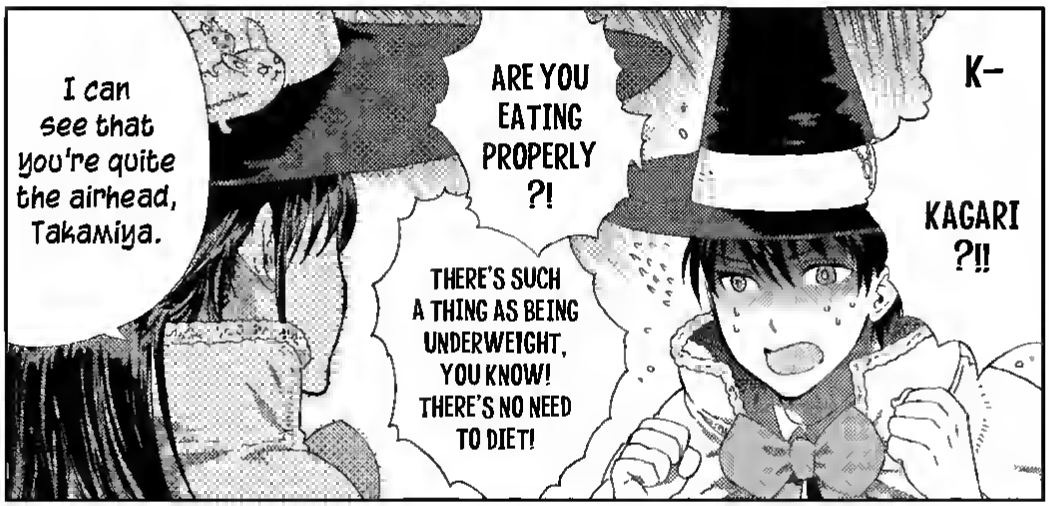
You know, like how I always carry you.
Oooh.
LIKE THIS
H—
H—
H-h-h
Hold her?!

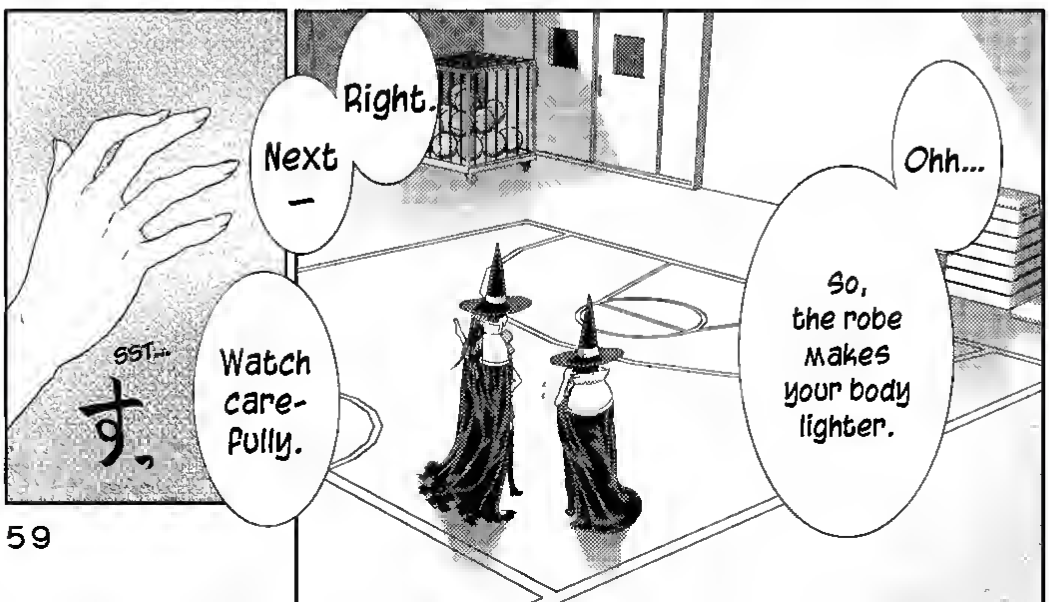
AA AA GH!
SQUISH
むにゅう
Don't yell.
AAAGH! I'M SORRY!!
...That's my butt.
SQUISH
むにゅ
UM...
Mm ...
A little more to the right...

Er...
Ex-
cuse
me.
SQUEEZE
ぎゅ

That's
not what
I mean.
So?
AM I
heavy?
You're
soft.
Huh?
Well...


Huh?
You're super light!
...
SWAY
SWAY

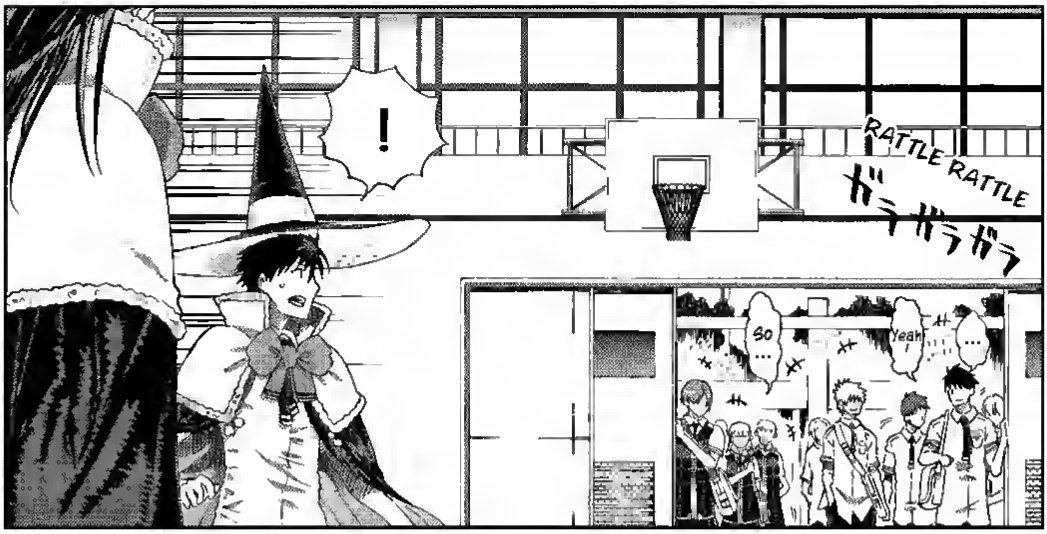

I can see that you're quite the airhead, Takamiya.
ARE YOU EATING PROPERLY ?!
THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING UNDERWEIGHT, YOU KNOW! THERE'S NO NEED TO DIET!
K-
KAGARI ?!!


SST...
す、
Watch carefully.
Next —
Right.
So, the robe makes your body lighter.
Ohh...

OOH !
CLAP CLAP
A BROOM !
TWIST
POOF
ぽんっ

Your robe stores your broom.
So you can summon it at will.
The switch to do that depends on the robe,
but yours is like mine. Hold out your right hand and snap your wrist.
Okay.
Now you try.

SILENCE
TURN
SST...
す、、、
...
TWEET
POP POP
SILENCE...
FLUTTER
POP
HUSH
SST
SILENCE
NEW
SLUMP
ズーン
Okay ...
...Well,
it's hard to get the hang of it at first.
...
It's about time.
A watch?!
GRAB
おんず
1:30 PM


!
RATTLE RATTLE
ガラガラガラ
So...
Yeah!
...

Clubs are going to use it now.
Let's change locations.
CREEP
CREEP
...
The only time the gym was open was the hour after classes.

We're fine.
すい
SLIDE

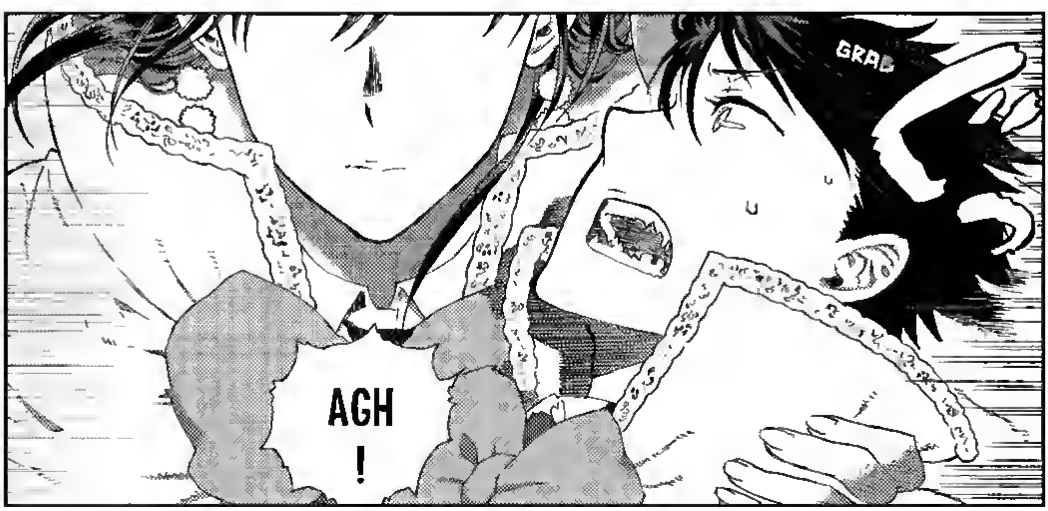
KAGARI ?!!
Why are you so casual ?!
WE NEED TO HIDE! IF THEY SEE US LIKE THIS...
W-
WAIT!

They won't notice us.

The thing witches have to be more careful of than anything...
is to not be discovered by regular people.
CHATTER
CHATTER
The robes are charmed.

TROT
TROT
By the way, Takamiya.
Are you scared of heights?
HUH? UMM, NO.
If you were, I'd make you get over it.
?

But, they're also avoiding us as we walk.
Yes, that's how these work.
It's a pain to explain. So, Maybe some other time.
TROT
TROT
R...
Roger!
Square


GRAB
AGH!

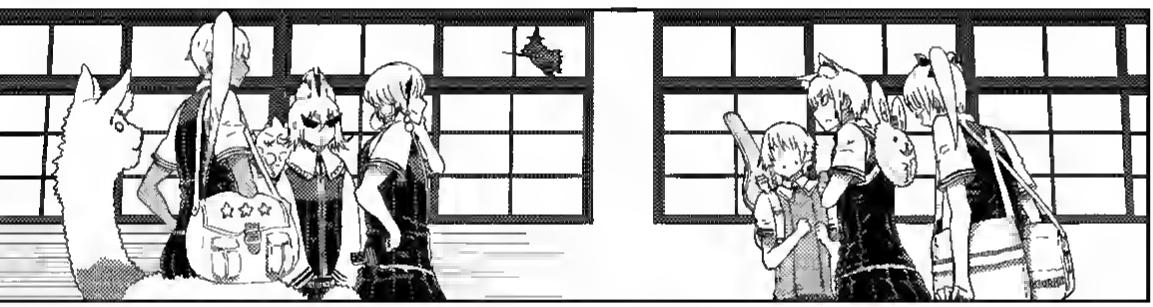
Hold on
tight!

LEAP
mee-ow!

GRASP

KA...
KAGARI
?!
SQUISH
おパ

GROOAR
ゴオッ



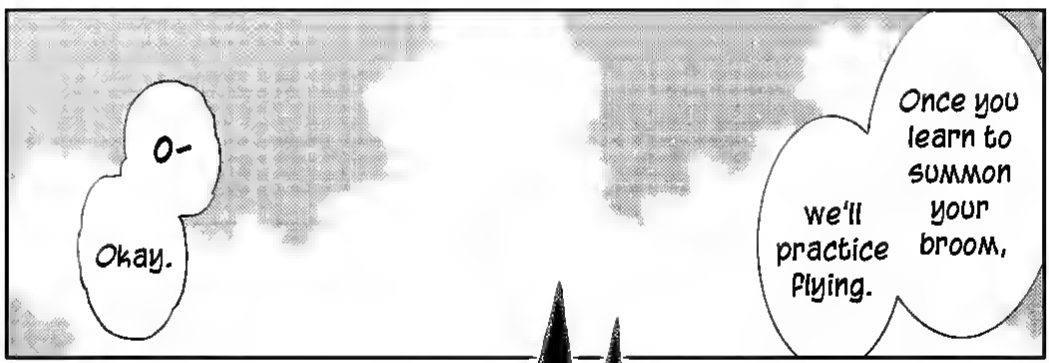
CARNI VORE
FLIP
N°5

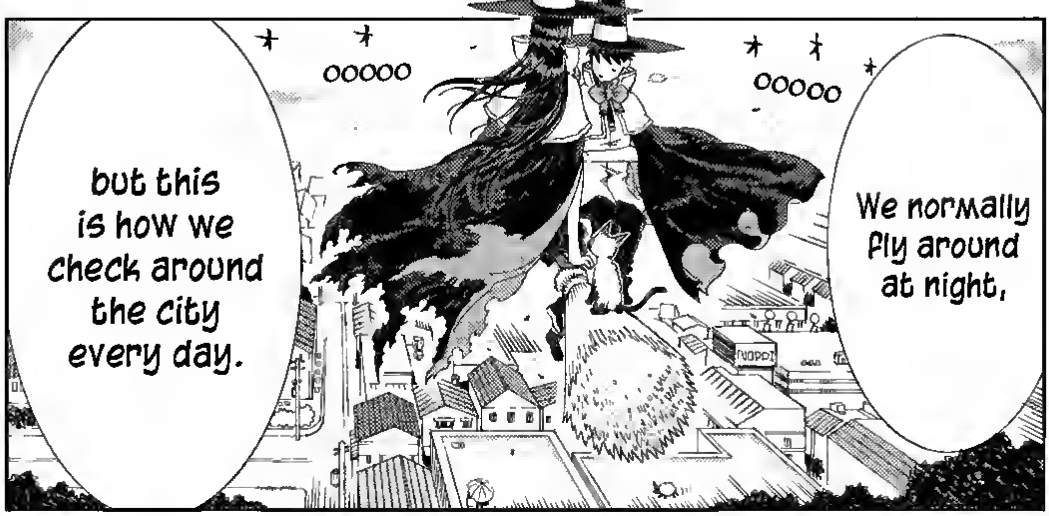
?!!
We're ...
flying !
WHOA!

WHOA!

?!!
We're ...
flying!

Calm down.
... Okay
WHOOOSH
We're floating, Kagari !!
The sky!
We're in the sky!!


Once you learn to summon your broom,
we'll practice flying.
O-
Okay.


OOOOO
OOOOO
We normally fly around at night,
but this is how we check around the city every day.

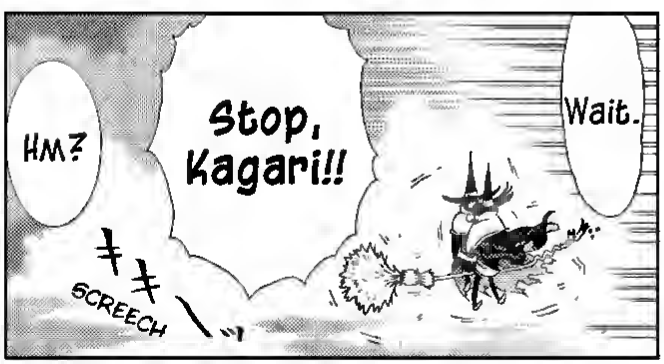
The decree is that FIVE WITCHES IN HIGH SCHOOL protect the city...
I see.
Re-ally...
Well...
...
KAW KAW

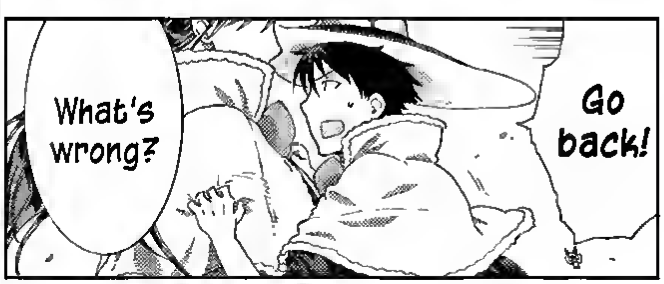
Yawn
...
...
It's beau-tiful.
ゆら
FLUTTER
Mh
...
ズル
SLIDE
くて
NOD
zzz...
すぅ
...

さわ…
RUSTLE…
RUSTLE…
さわ…

...Miya.
...Taka-Miya.
Hm?
Wake up.
We're almost back.
You've grown weary.
This must have been a tough week for you.
So much shame...
Haha...
AH!
ER, UM!
SORRY! I NODDED OFF.
Stay still. We're in the air.
!

FLOOAT
There!
By that building!


Stop, Kagari!!
Wait.
HM?
SCREECH


What's wrong?
Go back!

That girl's
getting picked on!

?!
Why?
We need to save her!
Yeah, she is!
So she is.
...

don't you patrol the town to keep crimes like this from happening?!
Why?
... Well,

We're witches who protect this town from evil magic.
Quarrels between regular humans are NONE OF OUR BUSI-NESS.

...
You seem to be mistaken, Takamiya.

THAT'S A STUDENT FROM OUR SCHOOL! WE HAVE TO GO HELP HER!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

Anyway, we Workshop Witches are prohibited from using magic on regular people.
NO.
And what if you got yourself in trouble?

That's the police's job.
If needed, we can call them from a pay phone.
WHA !

But!
Not helping someone when we could...
Not even if you beg.
I won't use magic!
—Mmh!
ばっ
BAM
Please ...
I need you!
?!
ぽん
POOF

FWAP
Now teach me how to fly!

Now, keep away from me, in case I fail.

I'M going to try this.
Sorry.

AH

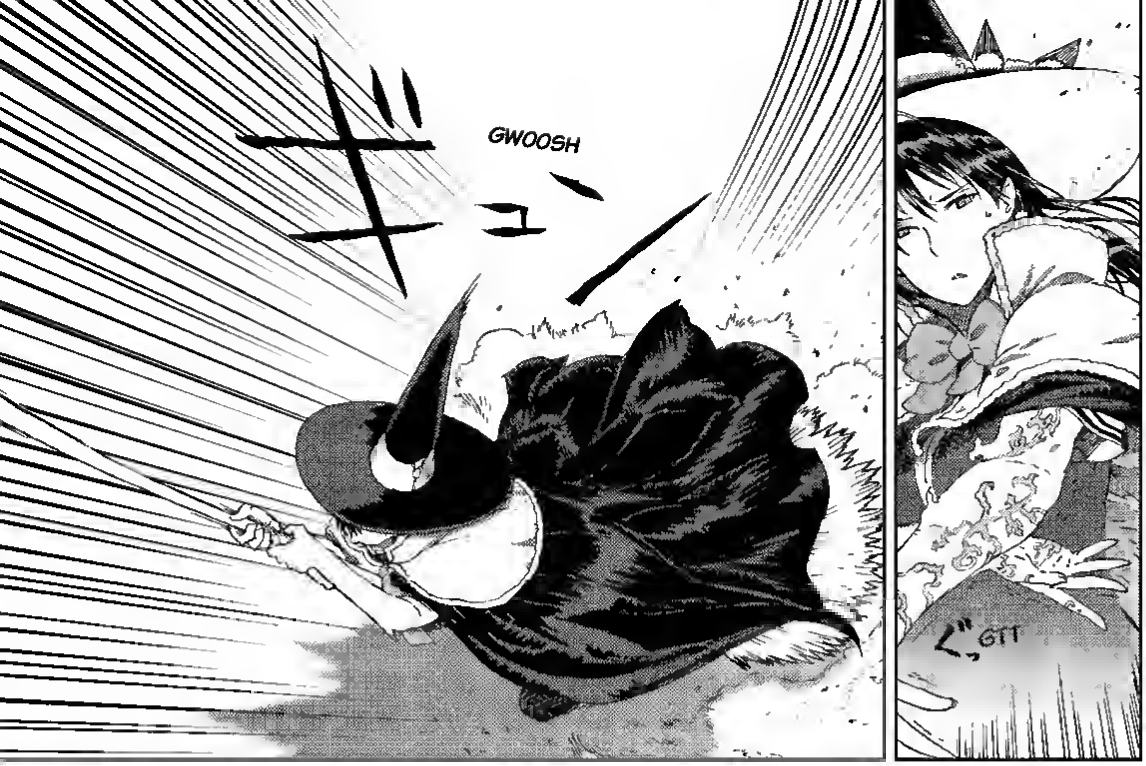
FWOOOSH
DO SOME-THING!
HURRY.

...
Taka-miy...

That broom is your faithful servant, Taka-miya! Command it!
Okay, listen up! Clear your mind! Focus!
ZZT

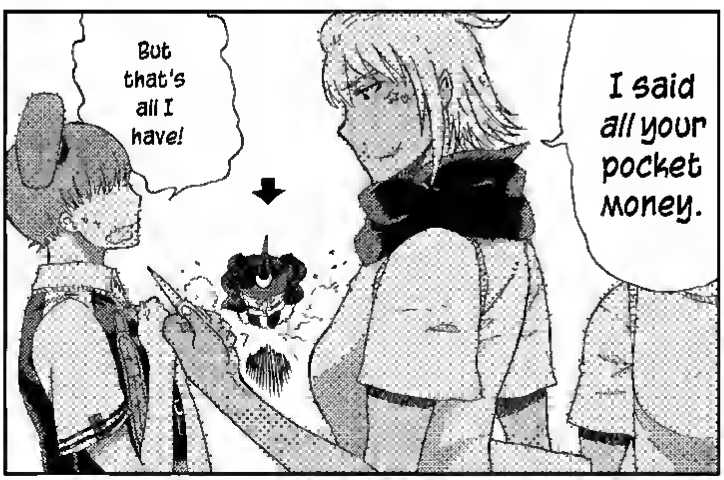
Command ...
Focus...

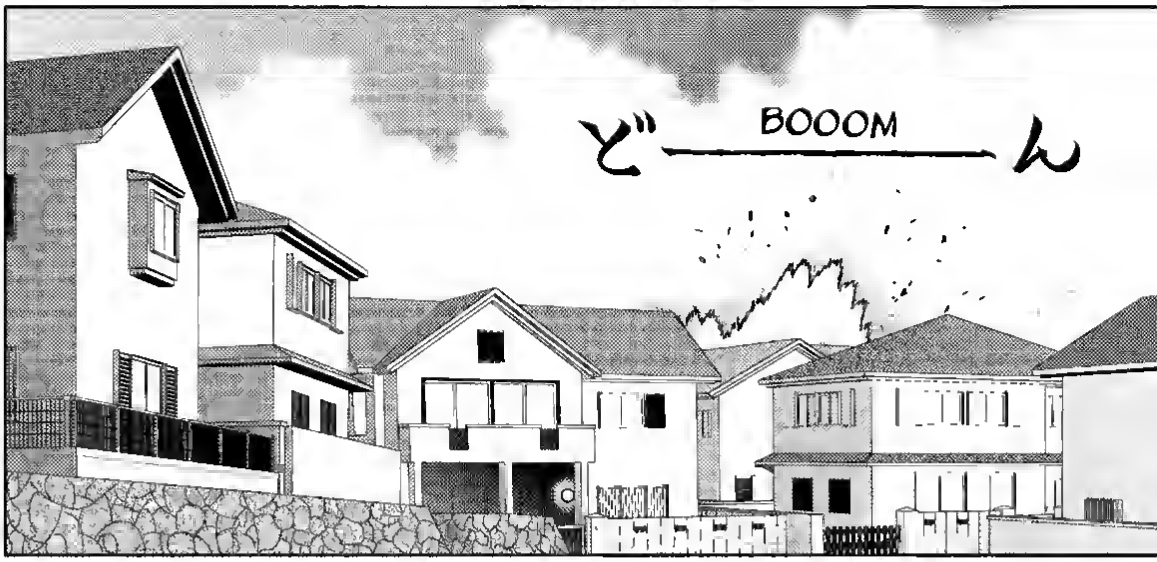
F...
Fly!!!


GWOOSH
GIT

AAAG
ZSSSHHH

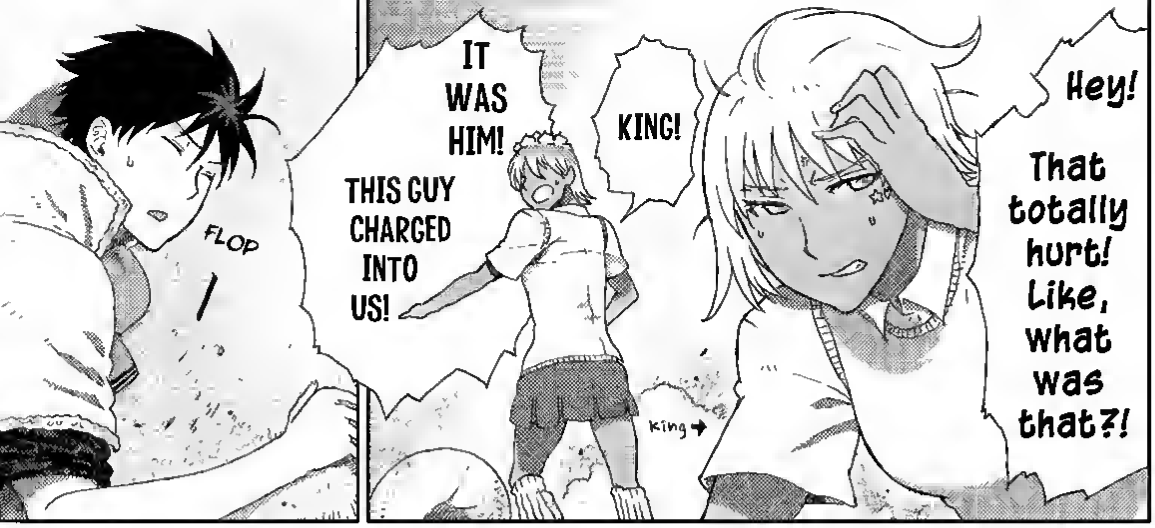
JUMP FOR US

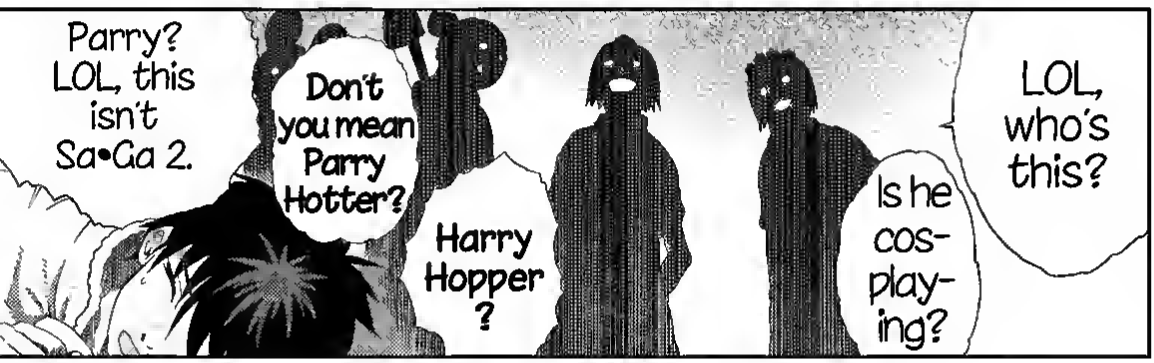

But that's all I have!
I said all your pocket money.

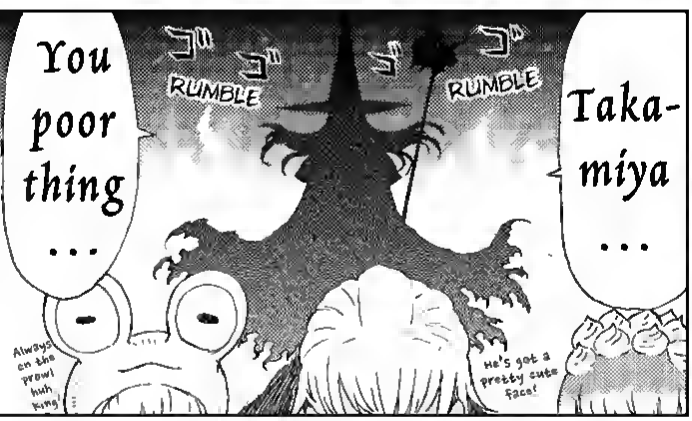

どーーーん
BOOOM

Huh?
...
OWW
イテテ

ちら
GLANCE


FLOP
IT WAS HIM!
THIS GUY CHARGED INTO US!
KING!
King→
Hey! That totally hurt! Like, what was that?!

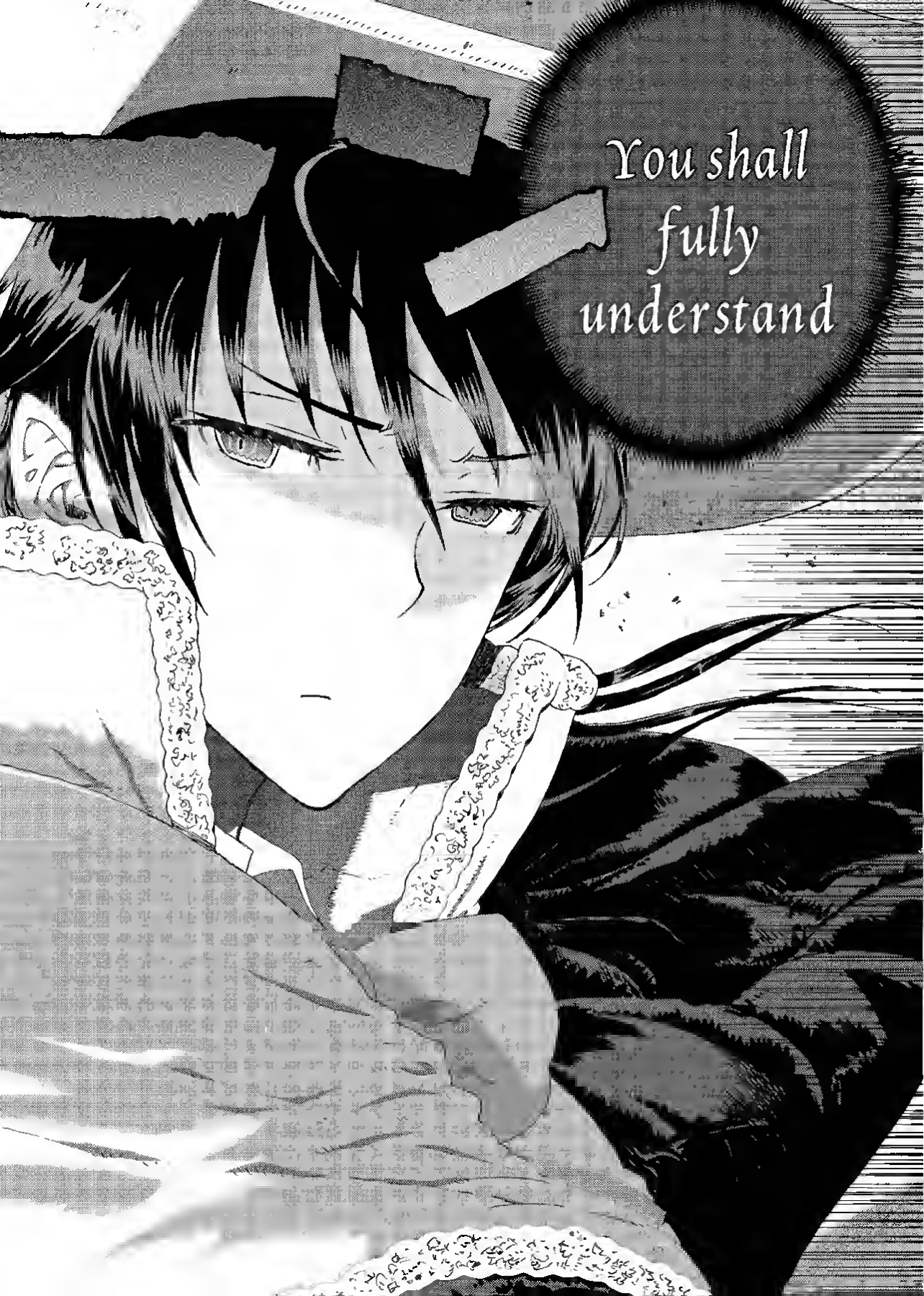

Parry? LOL, this isn't Sa•Ga 2.
Don't you mean Parry Hotter?
Harry Hopper ?
Is he cos-play-ing?
LOL, who's this?


You poor thing ...
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
Taka-miya ...
Always on the prowl huh king
He's got a pretty cute face!

Eh?

So what now ?
Do we bust him up and leave him naked?
ROFL, sounds good!
Hey, get up!!
?.. ?

BABOOOOM
You shall fully understand
the true weight of your sins!!
ACK!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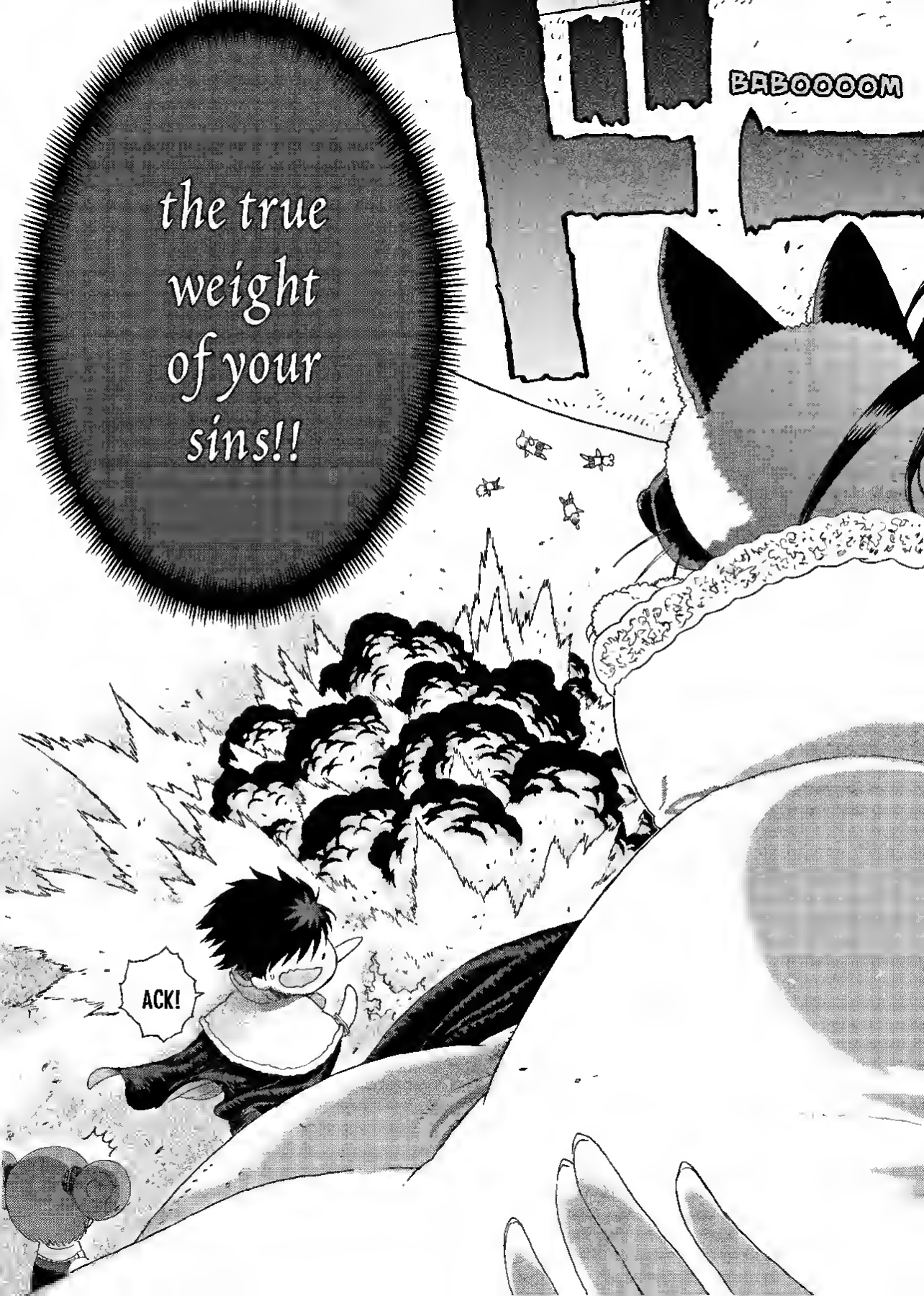
the true weight of your sins!!
BABOOOOM
ACK!

It was a trap.
HUH ?
WHOOSH
I thought you couldn't use magic on...
...
Kagari ?!

Those girls were Tower Witches!
Whaaat?!
The enemy was familiar with your personality and had laid a trap.
It was an indirect plan, where they harass someone to lure you in.

BONUS.
BUT THEN THEY ALL FLEW OFF WITH A HUGE BOOM, LIKE THEY EXPLODED!!
What?! Are you okay?!
Some girls shook me down yester-day!
Morn-ing.
?
MIYA-CHAN, YOU HAVE TO LISTEN!! (2X)
Oh, okay.
Well, this morning, my brot—
YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME!!
TAKA-MIYA (LITTLE SISTER)

Oh!
Right, they did notice me even with the cape on.
You're really clever!
That's because you ran into them.
Touching turns its effects off.
And if you're found, I am too.
KAGARI WAS LATER SCOLD-ED BY THE CHAIR.
Because they tried to attack you, of course!
Then how do you know they were...

Turf War

Takamiya's the Star Squad's!
Scram!
Why are you trans-ferring here?!
And don't come to school on a llama!

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I want to be in her embrace! Just once would be fine!
And she's beautiful, smart, and stylish as hell? No fair!
PANT PANT
Ayaka Kagari is pretty invincible.
I completely skewered her the other day but she was as lively as ever!
Isn't that fire magic a problem, too?
Can't prevent that.
BEST
Uh,
UM....

What's wrong, Kazarin?
Let's not... Fight... the Fire Witch...
Not fight her?
TAP TAP
Oh! You mean we should try to get Takamiya when he's alone.
Yeah

Would you allow me to join in this conversation?
ZAKK
CLUNK
Who are you?!

Well yeah, but they're together all day...
—Ah.

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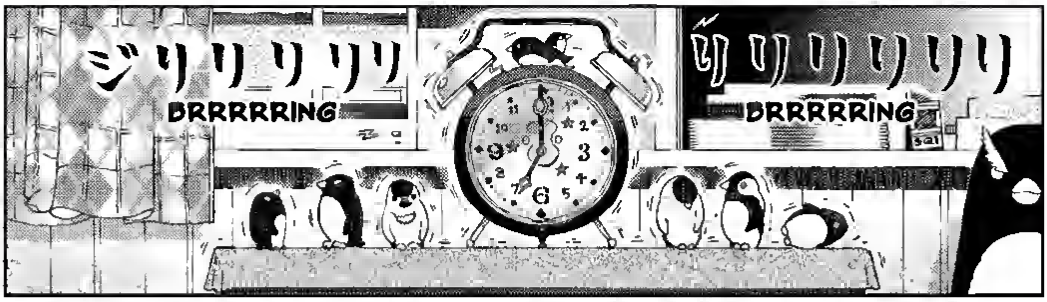
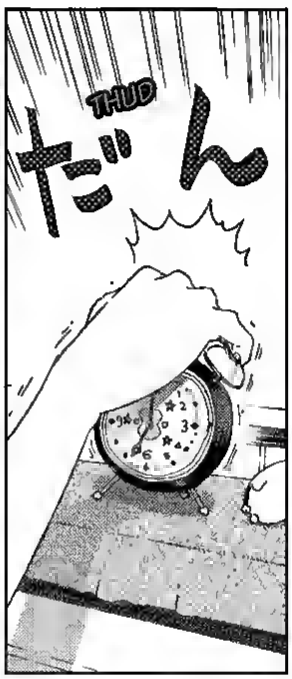
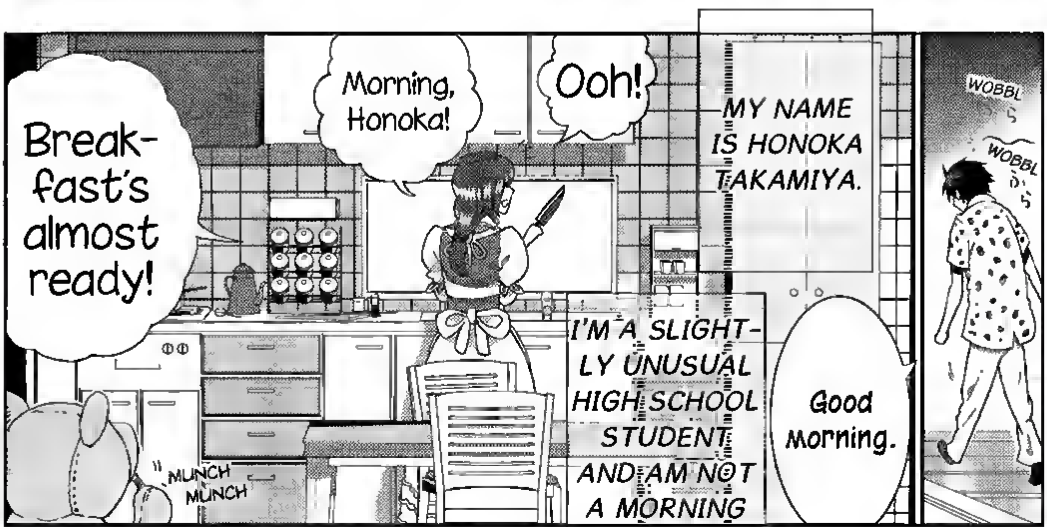
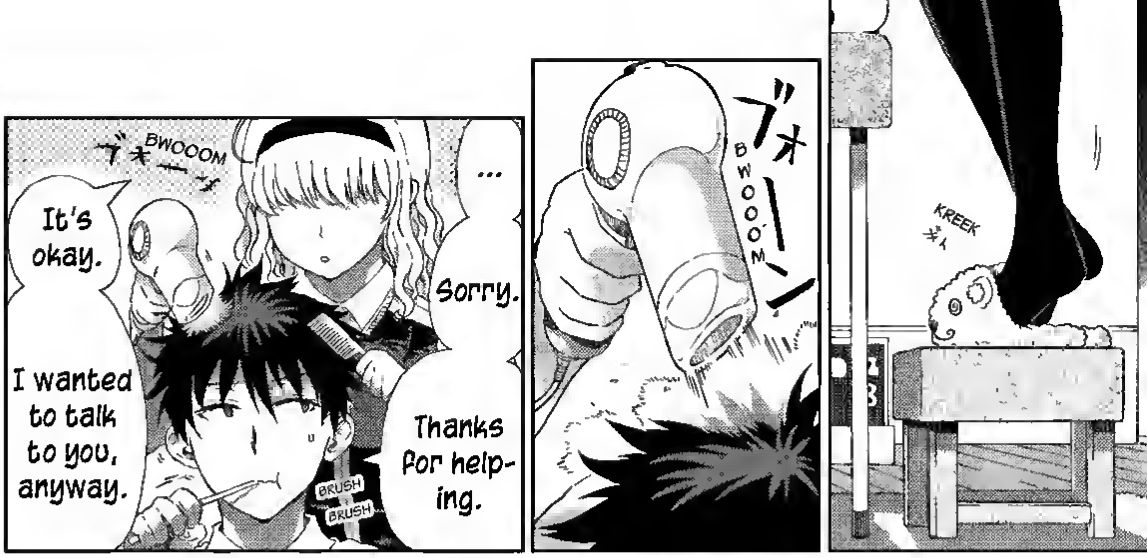

DRRRRRING
DRRRRRING

...
Mmh.
My body ...
So heavy ...


THUD
だん


Break-fast's almost ready!
Morning, Honoka!
Ooh!
MY NAME IS HONOKA TAKAMIYA.
I'M A SLIGHT-LY UNUSUAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND AM NOT A MORNING PERSON.
Good morning.
MUNCH MUNCH
WOBBL
WOBBL

ガチャ
CLICK
にゃ、
GLANCE
Good Morning, Honoka.
Kasumi!
SHE'S MY SISTER.
Haha ...
Bed head...
THIS IS KASUMI.
Morning!

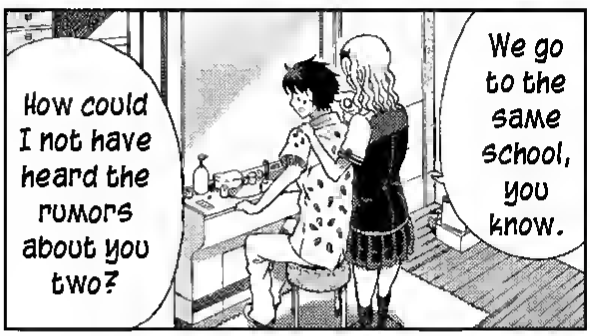

KREEK
ブオーン
BWOOOM
...
Sorry.
Thanks for helping.
ブオーン
BWOOOM
It's okay.
I wanted to talk to you, anyway.
BRUSH
BRUSH

About what?
?
ブオーン
BWOOOM
So there's something I want to ask.
What is it?

Well, last Sunday...
A GIRL CALLED YOU. Who could it have been?
!! ?!

SPTOOO
the Princess?
Could it have been

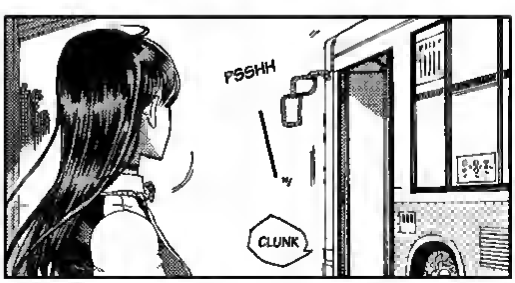
BAM
WUH-
WH-WH-WUHH
GURGLE
WHUDDAYA MEEHN?!


How could I not have heard the rumors about you two?
We go to the same school, you know.

So ...
I'll forget about all of that
if you answer this question.
WHAT... IS IT?

It's become annoying for me, too.
People are bugging me just because I'm your little sister.
?!

What kind of relation-ship...
do you two really have?
Tougetsu City


PSSHH
CLUNK

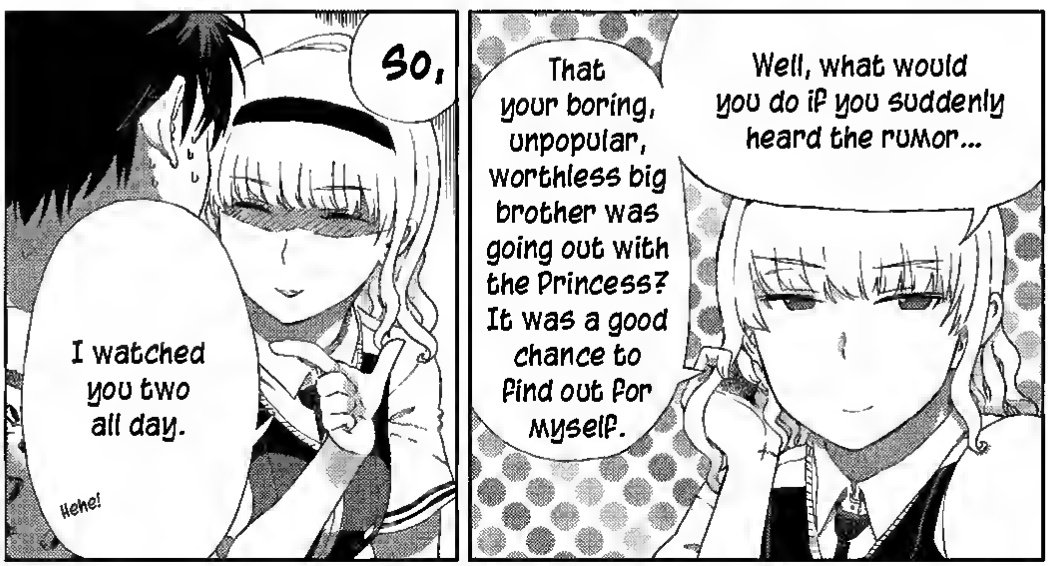
BWOOOM

FWOOSH
ふわ
Fire Witch!
Tag! Good morning,

!

On Sunday,
you waited for an hour by your meeting spot,
but you told her you "Just got there."
PROD PROD PROD
Looks to me like she's really in charge.

YOU...
WERE FOLLOWING ME?!
See chapter 4!


Well, what would you do if you suddenly heard the rumor...
That your boring, unpopular, worthless big brother was going out with the Princess? It was a good chance to find out for myself.
So,
I watched you two all day.
Hehe!

THAT DAY...
!!
That's right!! Those Tower Witches—
!
Break-fast's ready!
What are the two of you doing?
I'll come...
to your room tonight.
Well,
no rush, I don't want to be late.
HMPH!

...

I NEED TO KEEP EVERYTHING A SECRET, EVEN FROM MY FAMILY.
THAT MEANS ...
KAGARI SAID THAT NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T FIND OUT.
OH, JEEZ.
I'D NEVER IMAGINED THAT WE WERE BEING FOLLOWED ON SUNDAY.
とぼ SLUMP
とぼ SLUMP

BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR THEM TO PUT THEIR HANDS ON MY SISTER.
IF THE GUARDS BOTHER ME, SO BE IT.
NO...
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM.
KASUMI WAS SAYING THAT SHE WAS BEING HARASSED BECAUSE OF THE RUMORS.

STEP
たっ
Wait, oh no! I was late leaving the house.
I need to get on that bus!
I NEED TO TALK TO KAGARI —
AGH!
THUK
TWING
GRRT
KAGARI!
Got it!
Take this bus each morning
I PROM-ISED
STEP
たたた
STEP
STEP
SLIDE
スサーッ
AA AA GH!

Wha...
Wh...
Heh.
ZAKK
You've left your feet wide open, Takamiya!

!!

We heard,
Fire Witch,
...
KLOK
コッ

Aahh...
SST
My, you have such a beautiful face up close!
about the secret
to your strength.
KLOK
KLOK

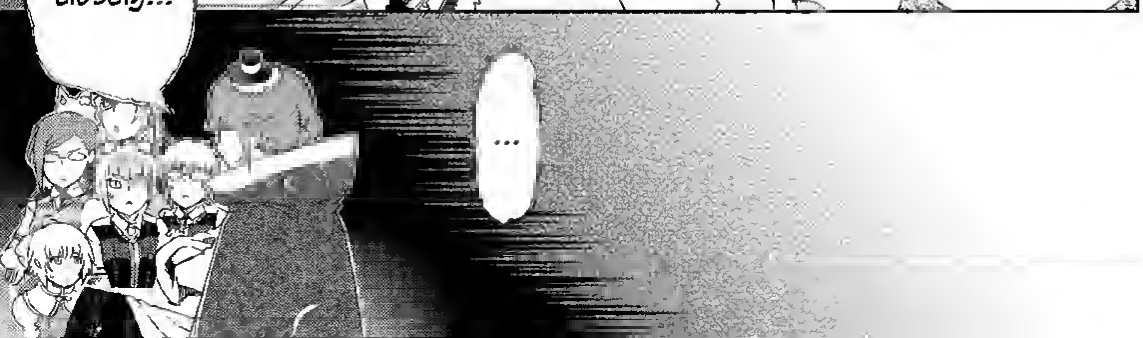
Feisty. I like them like that.
Hah...
SMAK
ぱんっ
!

THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN, FIRE WITCH!
HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY THAT CALM, NOW THAT "HIS POWER" WON'T REACH YOU?
SHOW US
HOW STRONG YOU REALLY ARE!!

AGH—
THUD

My comrades should be attacking the Fire Witch.
Right now...
!
BRRM
KLOK

Listen to me closely...
Wha...
After all, our plan was to separate you two and defeat her.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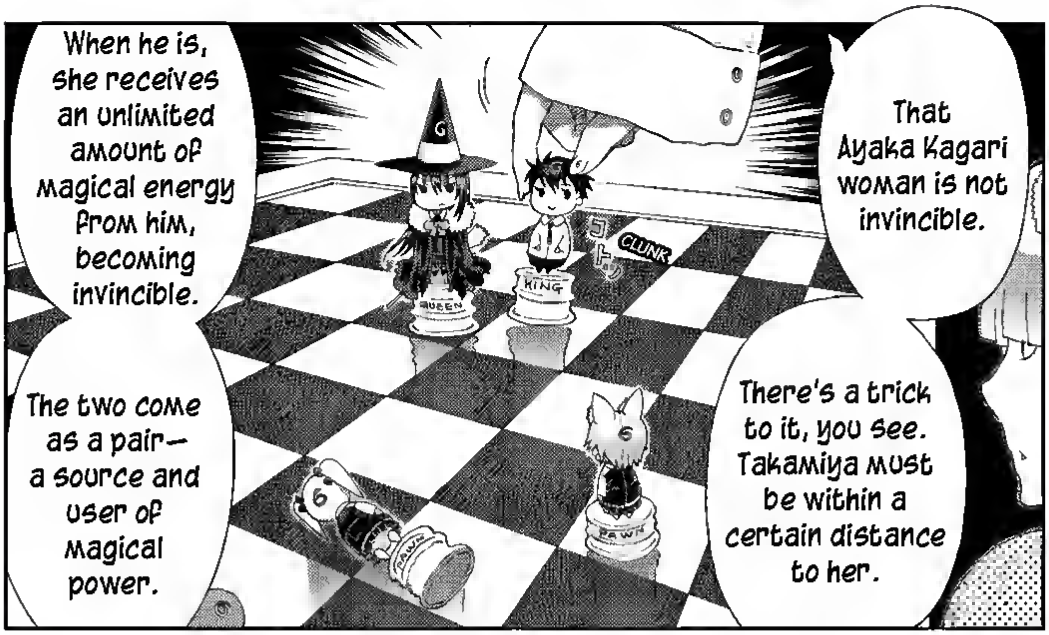
When he is, she receives an unlimited amount of magical energy from him, becoming invincible.
That Ayaka Kagari woman is not invincible.
The two come as a pair— a source and user of magical power.
There's a trick to it, you see. Takamiya must be within a certain distance to her.
CLUNK
QUEEN
KING
PAWN
PAWN

Ke-keh...
The time has come for you to get revenge for past humiliations.
Aim for when they are separated. Perhaps when they board the bus.

OH NO.
I HAVE TO GET TO KAGARI SOME-HOW...
Bring him.
FWOOSH
We won't be satisfied with you alone.
DON'T HURT KAGARI...
WAIT! IF IT'S ME YOU'RE AFTER, YOU DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE!

ゴゥ
GWOOOOSH
ZZT
HM?
...
HM?
Jean?
Pierre?
WIND
?
...?
MYA
WHAT
THE
!?!?
ZWOOMP
KYAA!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
ROOOOAR
WHIIN
WHIIN
BAKRAKK
バキキキ
BAKRAKK
バキキキ
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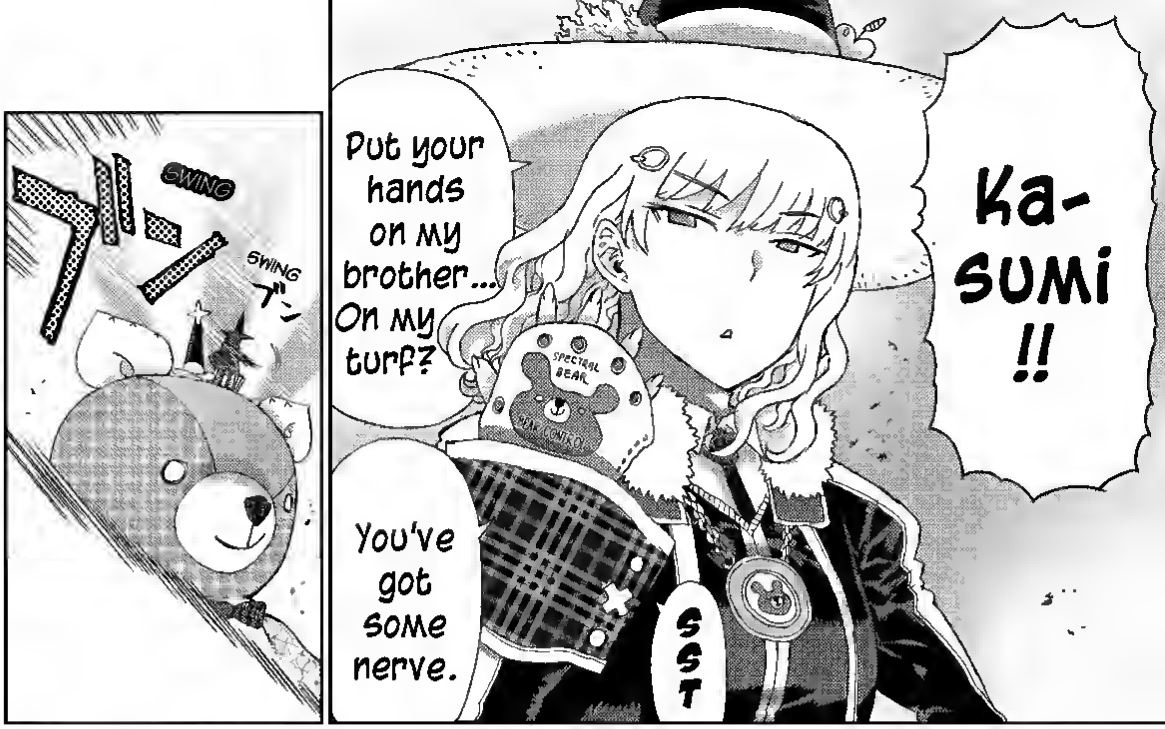
THAT?
WH—
ROOOAR
ROOOAR
WHAT'S TH...


Ka-
SUMI
!!
Put your hands on my brother... On my turf?
You've got some nerve.
SET
SPECIAL BEAR
SWING
SWING

WAI-
THAT'S DANGEROUS, KASUMI!
AAGH!
Ack!
BOOM

Well, I can match ...
size for size!
BAM
Always meddling!!
It was all going to plan,
but you people again!!

BOOM

Agh!

ESP
GRRT
BOOM
グオ
GWOOSH
!
You think a rabbit can rival a bear?
Pff...
AAH!
BWHOOOMP

BOOM
AAH!
KU
BWHOOOMP

SPECIAL BEAR
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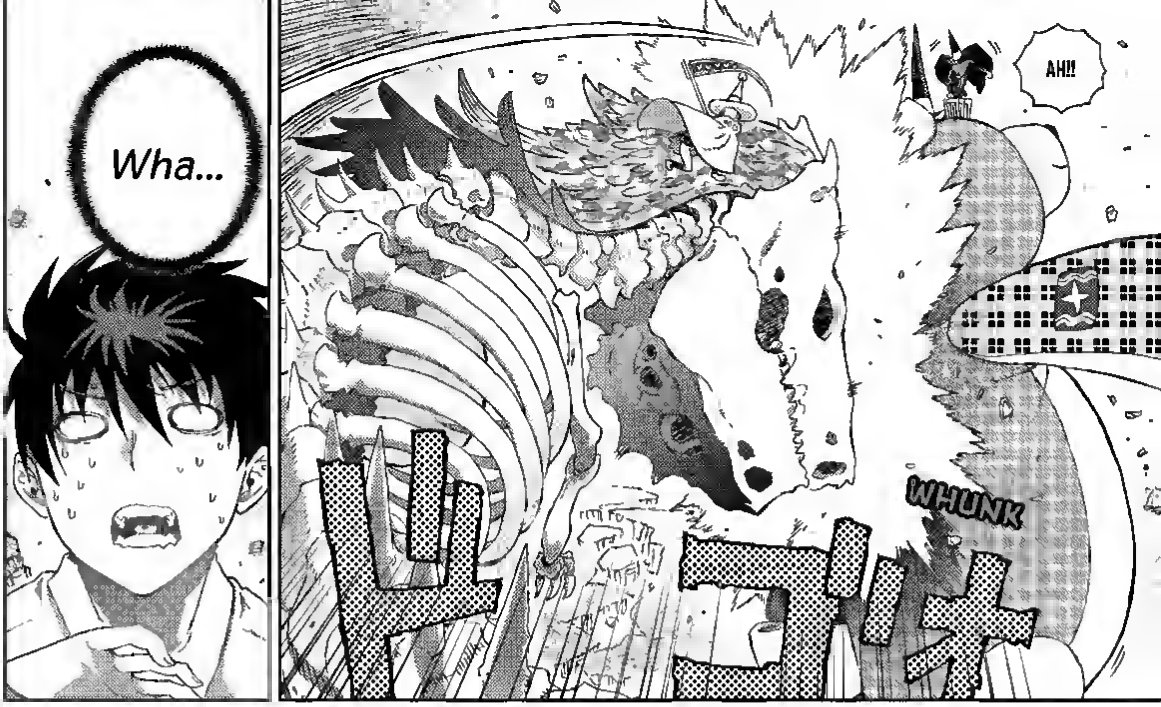
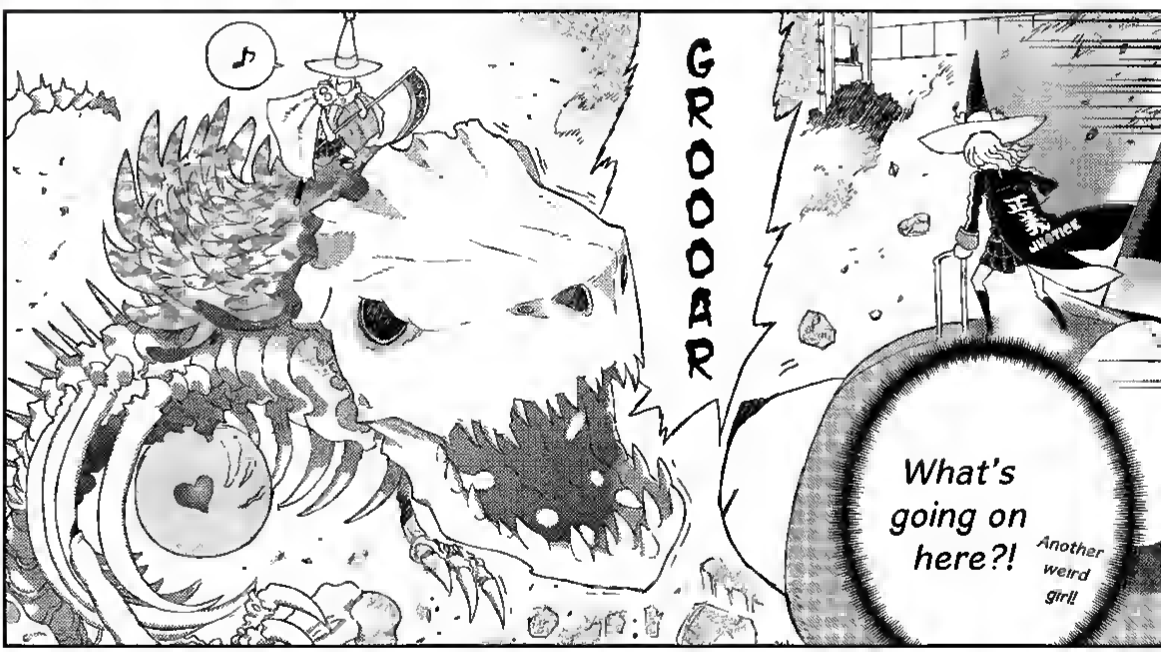
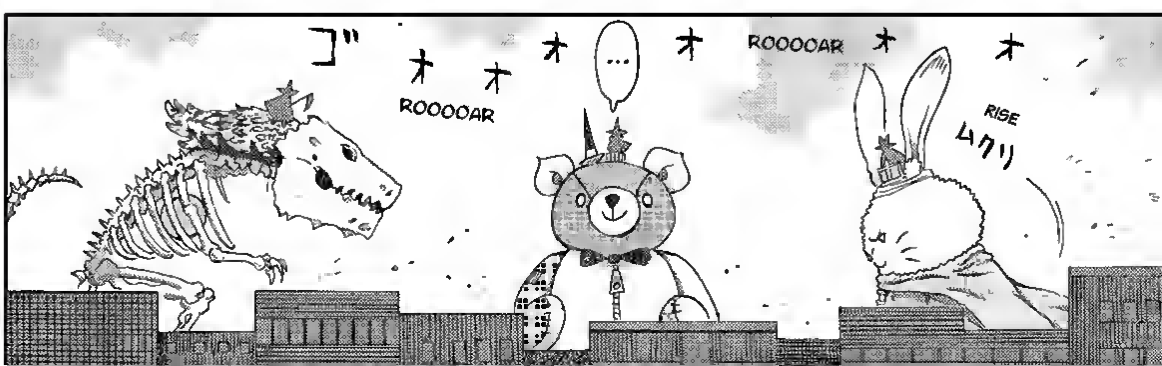
PFF...


Wha...
AH!!
WHUNK


GROOOAR
What's going on here?!
Another weird girl!


ROOOOAR
ROOOOAR
RISE

never be stop-ped by trash like you!!
Fine, then.
I'll just have to make you understand that my mission will never prosper in this world.
The wicked will
WHOOOSH
正義
JUSTICE

!
ゴゴゴ
ROOOAR
ゴゴゴ
ROOOAR
No matter how many of you there are...
You'll never defeat me!
ROOOAR
ゴゴゴ
ROOOAR
ゴゴゴ
ROOOAR
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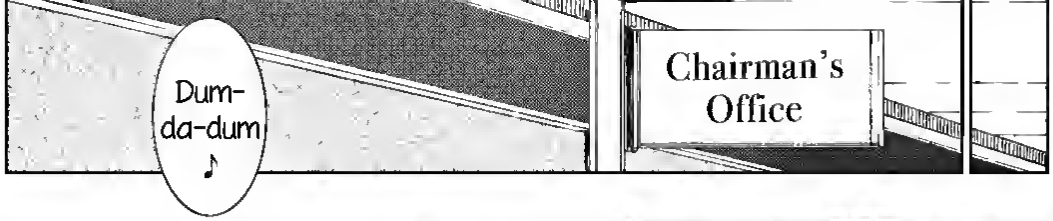
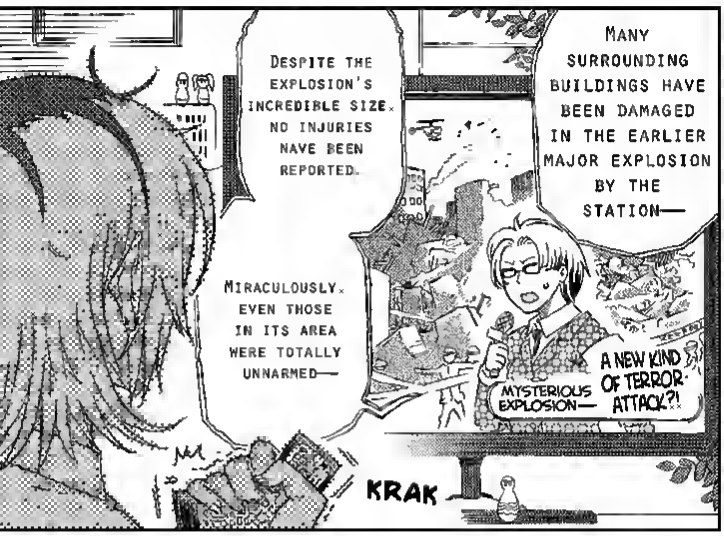
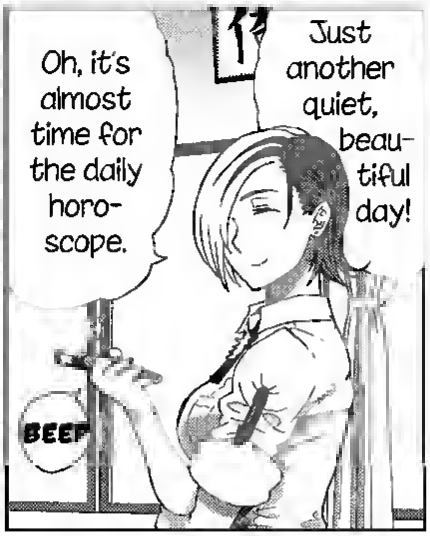
and the town he lives in.
Because I'm going to protect my big brother

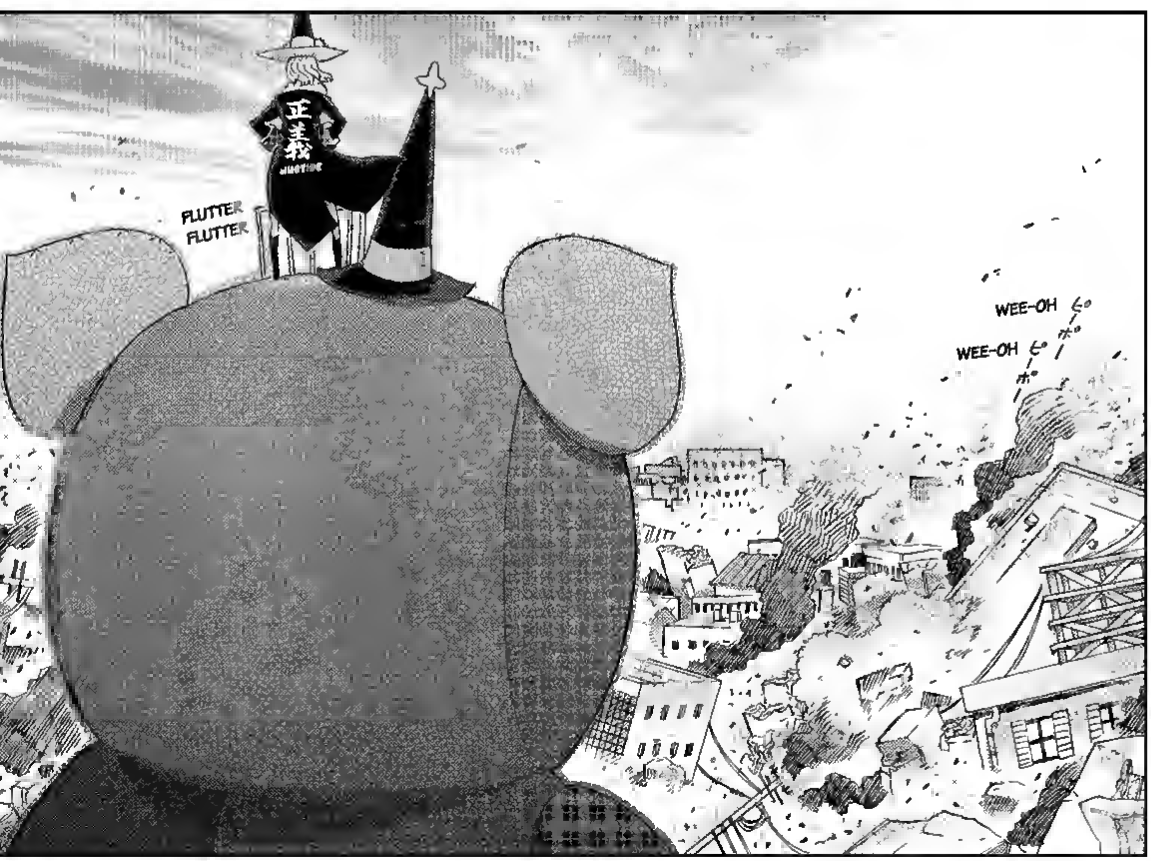
My grand
Cause that's

MISSION!
WH-BOOOOM


Dum-da-dum ♪
Chairman's Office


DESPITE THE EXPLOSION'S INCREDIBLE SIZE, NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
MIRACULOUSLY, EVEN THOSE IN ITS AREA WERE TOTALLY UNHARMED—
MANY SURROUNDING BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN THE EARLIER MAJOR EXPLOSION BY THE STATION—
MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION—
A NEW KIND OF TERROR ATTACK?!
KRAK


Oh, it's almost time for the daily horo-scope.
Just another quiet, beau-tiful day!
BEEP


正義
JUSTICE
FLUTTER FLUTTER
WEE-OH
WEE-OH

HUP!
HOP
I'LL GET YOU SOME DAY!!
PYOO

So, you're a witch?

... Kasumi.

KREEEK
Sur-prised?
Heh
Heh
Heh.
SHOOM
ZZZ

thanks for saving me.
A little.
...Still,
GRIP

!!
GRAB
That's right, Kasumi!
Who do you think has been protecting you all this time when the Princess couldn't?
You're not grateful enough.
HMPH
Huh? What...

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Huh?
SCRAP
We need to hurry and save her!
Kagari is in trouble!
We can't just stand around!
There.

Kagari
!!

...No, why?
?
GRAB
Are you hurt?!

HOP
DASH
Are you okay?!

I'm so glad...
...

If you had been hurt,
I just ...

...

WHY ARE YOU TWO OFF IN YOUR OWN WORLD?!
WHAT ?
WHAT ?!
I'M NOT GOING TO JUST SIT HERE AND TAKE THAT!
I'M THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU!!
GAA——HH!!
WHOA!

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D KNOCK IT OFF!!!
NAG NAG
PRIN-CESS!
BUT THEN YOU TOOK MY BROTHER OUT ON THE WEEKEND! WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THAT?!
NOW SEEMS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO SAY IT. I GET HIS TIME AT HOME, DAYS OFF AND HOLIDAYS. YOU GET THE TIME HE'S ON THE BUS UNTIL HE GETS TO SCHOOL, THEN WHEN HE'S AT SCHOOL. WE AGREED TO SPLIT HIM LIKE THAT!
So that's why she stalked us that day.

It's a little sister's duty to pest her big brother.
Yeah, I was just being mean.
HM?
That would mean that this morning was...
!

As many as 30 Tower Witches have gathered in this town, but they aren't showing any signs of moving.
Something will happen soon, so be careful.
Also, Princess.
This is a message from the Chairwoman.
SO,
ALL THAT TALK ABOUT YOU BEING BULLIED—
UM... I'M okay.
Do you wanna know what I did to those punks?

...
HM?
Taka-miya.
Some-thing's been on my mind ever since earlier.

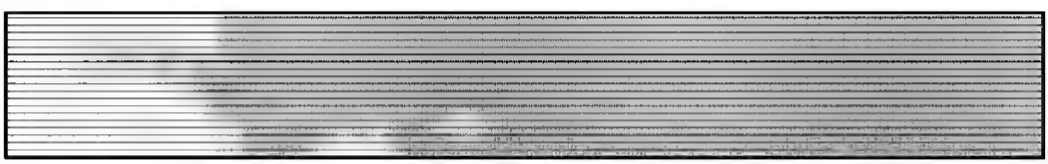
When we
missed each other on the bus
and wouldn't be able to meet until school...
KUB KUB
That kick is
MMN
You seemed so sad.
It surprised me.
?
Me? Sad??
I was a little worried, I guess...

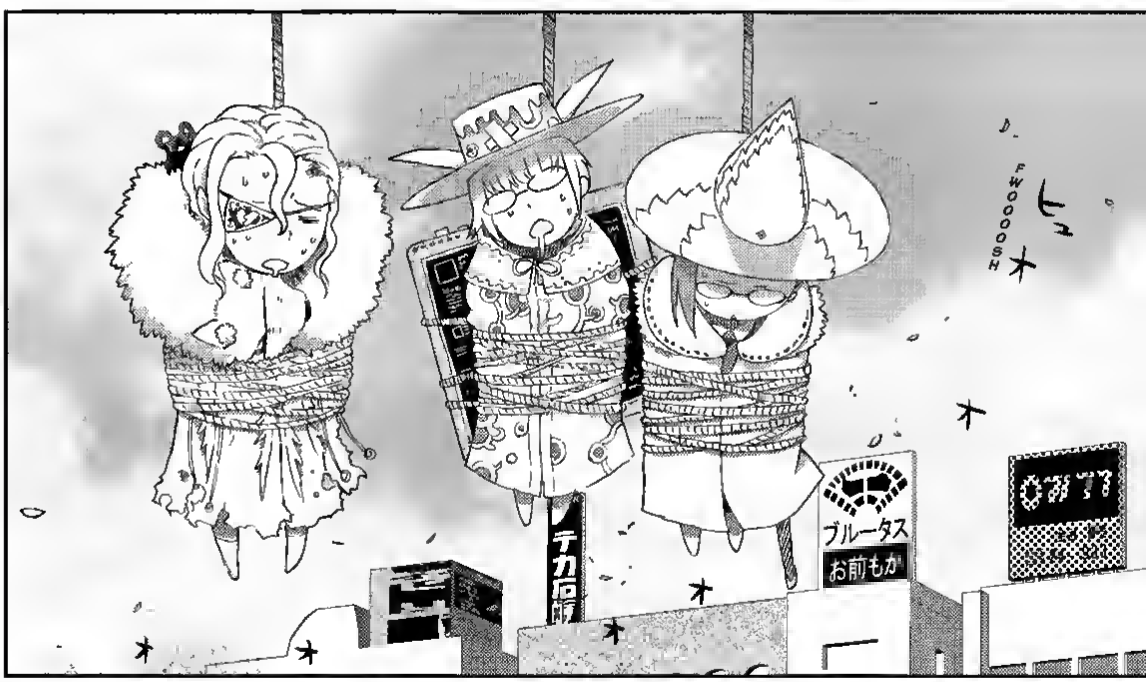
You should come live at my house beginning tonight.
That's why I decided.
Starting today, I'll protect you every hour of the day.

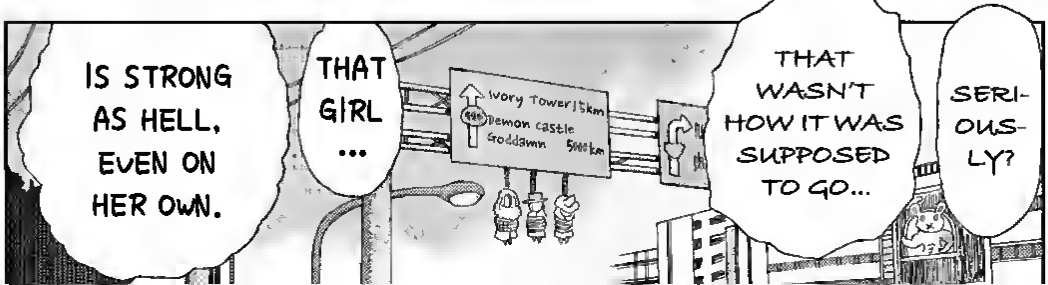
That's why I decided.
Starting today, I'll protect you every hour of the day.

You should come live at my house beginning tonight.

Should we find a place for just the two of us?
Or,



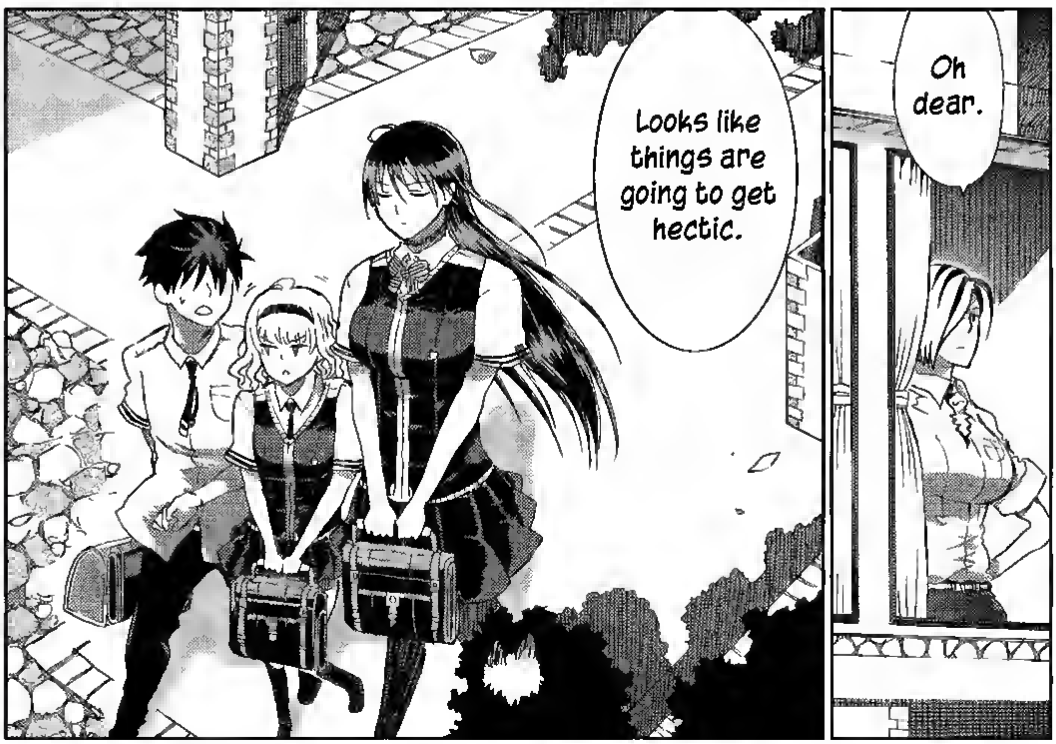

FWOOOSH
ブルータス
お前もか


IS STRONG AS HELL, EVEN ON HER OWN.
THAT GIRL ...
Ivory Tower 15km
Demon castle Goddamn 5000km
THAT WASN'T HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO...
SERIOUSLY?

I suppose putting them in checkmate with five pawns was impossible from the start.
It seems I must know their past
if I want him to take that medicine.
...
Made-moiselle. As you requested, I've dragged every Tower Witch in this town here.
Excellent! Now for my next move!
FWOOSH
ばさっ
...Yes.
This is she. If you're calling about this morning, we'll be sure to take care of it.
Yes?
It's not about that?

Medusa has escaped?

Yes. Her underlings have been harassing my students.
She was able to give orders while being imprisoned, which impressed me, but...
I see. Thank you for the information.


Looks like things are going to get hectic.
Oh dear.

Secret talks.

And just try telling your Master Medusa we worked together!
It won't be pretty!
I used Nous the other day and created that candy. I'm out of magic.
So Chronoire, why aren't you fighting with us?

Witchcraft Works

C'mon,
We guard this thing 24 hours a day, right?
Doesn't it make you wonder what we're even guarding?
All I know is that it's something preserved in formalin.
Who knows.
So you know this Monolith of Medusa here?
Hm?
What do you think it is? It just sits here in the middle of the prison.
It's an easy gig. We just stand here and stare at this thing.
Who cares, anyway.
Don't worry too much about it.
Even the warden doesn't know what it is.

GLUB

?!
See that ?!
Just now!
THAT THING JUST GRINNED!
That's ridiculous.
The liquid inside just made it look like—
KRAK

CHAPTER 8 Takamiya and the Witch with Stone Eyes and Stone Hands

Miss Ayaka.
I ask that you take good care of my Honoka.

YOU'RE HIS MOTHER! ACT LIKE IT!!
STOP TRYING TO HAND MY BIG BROTHER OFF TO SOME OTHER WOMAN!!
STOP BOWING! IT'S EMBARRASSING!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, MOM?!
HEY !!
BEEAAR !!
Ah!!
AAH!!
MY NAME IS HONOKA TAKAMIYA.
I'M A SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL HIGH SCHOOL STUOENT WHO, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, IS NOW STUOYING TO BECOME A MAGICIAN.
SUDDENLY, WE'RE AT MY HOUSE'S PARLOR.
THE ONE BOWING DEEPLY IS MY MOM.
Oh dear! I wish you two (and the bear!) wouldn't all talk at once.
Mommy is not Prince Shotoku! I can't hear all.
ウフフ HEHE
SQUEEZE

TODAY,
SHE'S HERE TO "TAKE ME."
SHE'S KAGARI.
SHE'S SMART, BEAUTIFUL, MY CLASS-MATE, A WITCH, AND MY MAGIC TEACHER.
She has a sweet-tooth?
CLINK
THIS IS KASUMI, MY LITTLE SISTER.
GRR GRR
...It moved!
And this is her teddy bear
...
So I want you to please listen to me first.
...Honoka. Kasumi. I'll listen to what you have to say later.
I have something important to say.
SSS →
HAAH ←

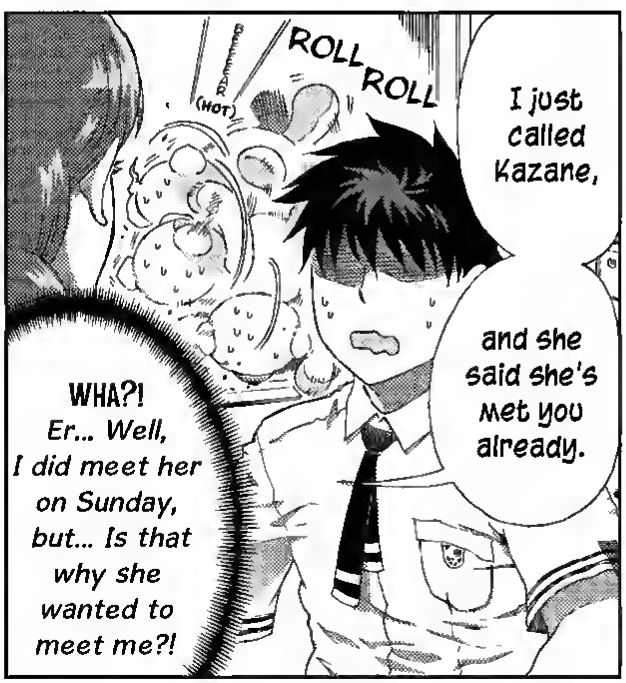
It's not like I was hiding it, but I haven't told you this until now. You just never asked, so I didn't talk about it. Mommy isn't at fault. Don't get mad at mommy. Mommy is a crybaby, and when mommy cries, she doesn't make dinner.
Anyway.
Honoka, Kagari is
Your Fiancee !!!
BOOM

WHAAAT?
WH...

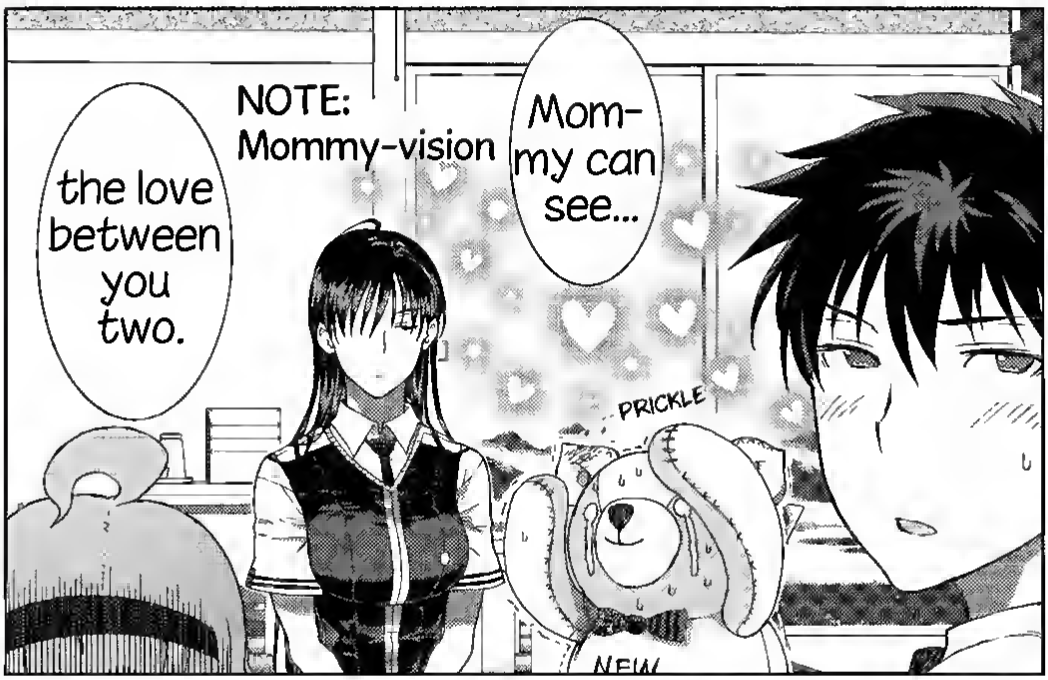
That's right, Kagari's mother. We became the best of friends.
Her name is Kazane Kagari.
At the time, she was known as "Dragon Tooth."
I just happened to meet another girl there.
but back when I was in high school,
It's a long story now,
How close were we? Well, we promised to marry each other. But since we're both women, we couldn't. Eventually, we both married other men.
Now, now. Be quiet and listen.
WAIT !!
MOM, WHAT ?!
gaah

we'd just have our kids marry instead!
Since we couldn't get married,
Later, we both gave birth and made a promise.
BWOOSH
How is that rea-son-able?!
Wha !!?!

So I'd been preparing myself for the day I send you off!
I knew Kagari would come here some-day.
Seri-ously?!
SLUMP


ROLL ROLL
(HOT)
I just called Kazane,
and she said she's met you already.
WHA?!
Er... Well, I did meet her on Sunday, but... Is that why she wanted to meet me?!

I'll respect your own decision, you know. But now it looks like I won't have to worry about that!
Of course, this was a decision only made between parents.

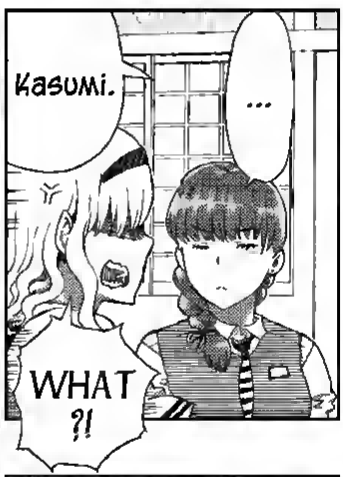

NOTE: Mommy-vision
the love between you two.
Mom-my can see...
PRICKLE

WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT!!
WH-WH-WH-WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, MOM?!
But you want to live with each other!
GAH !!!
SIP
ドBOOMン
LOVE.
...

BECAUSE THOSE EVIL TOWER WITCHES ARE AFTER ME...
AND BECAUSE KAGARI WILL PROTECT ME...
AND BE-CAUSE IT'D BE EASIER TO DO THAT IF WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER...
BUT I CAN'T TELL REGU-LAR PEOPLE (MY MOM) ABOUT WITCHES, AND...
TH...
THAT'S...
TREMBLE
...
Stuff's happened...
You're so bad at lying, Honoka.
Pff
Yeah.
Kinda...
Well.
W...
Kasumi ?
...
WAIT ONE SEC-OND !!
BAM
W!!

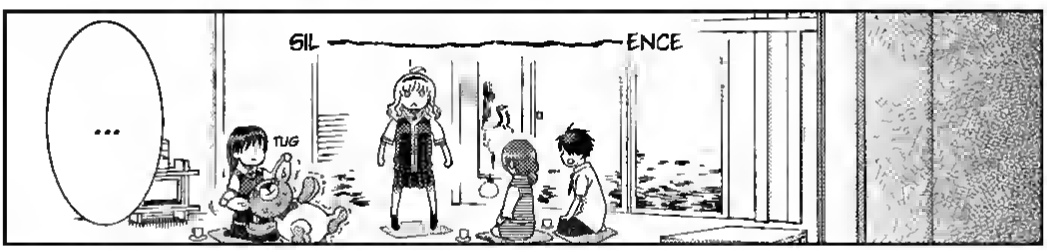
GOD WOULD NEVER ALLOW IT!!
God is so petty!
WH-WHAT IS THIS, SOME SORT OF FARCE ?!
WHILE A MODEST AND KIND LADY LIKE MYSELF MIGHT LET THIS SLIDE,

You sneak into Honoka's futon every other night, saying you can't sleep.
AHH!
SLIDE
BWOOF
You leap into baths with him every other day, saying it's not embarrassing because you're related.
WUH-HUH-HUH?!
はわわわ
SST
And over weekends you make him dig up charms and grind for special items in the games you like...
Hono-ka...
PAT
I'll give you a back rub later, keep going!
BEEP BEEP POPO'S TONGUE ♪


Kasumi.
...
WHAT ?!

It's about time you let go of your big brother!
HUH ?!

THAT'S MY RIGHT AS A LITTLE SISTER!
EH?!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!
BOOM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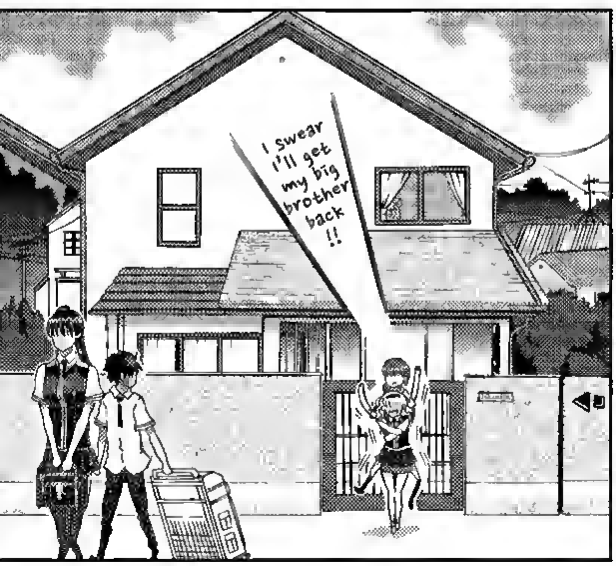
SIL ENCE
TUG

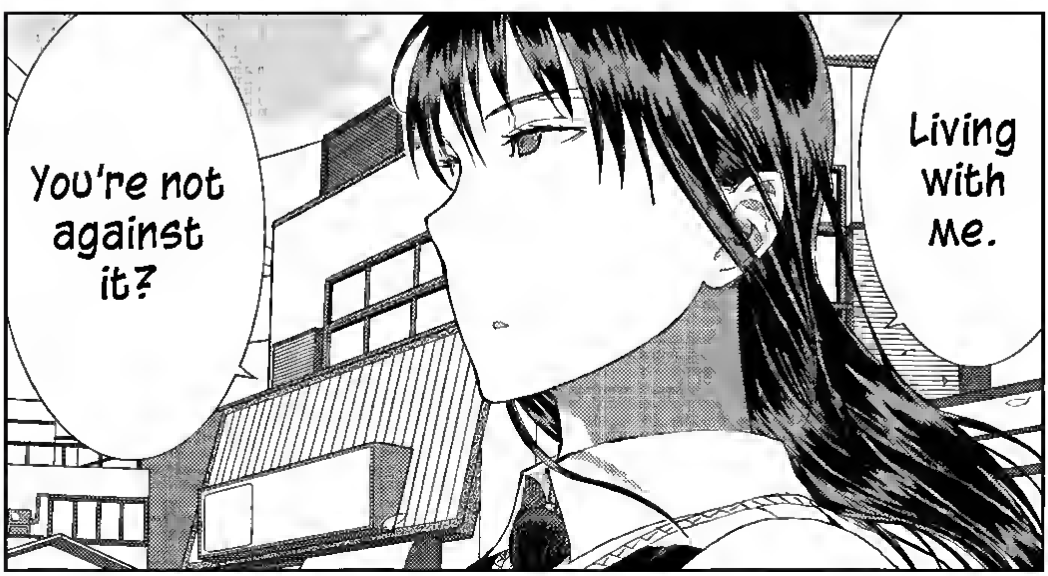

I swear I'll get my big brother back !!

You pack up and leave!
We have to do this by force! Mommy will hold Kasumi back!
It's too late for her!
BAM
はっ!
PTOO

They're wonderful.
!
It's just... Well, my family's a little strange.
Sorry about that, Kagari.
Heh...

What about you?
Are you okay?
Hm?

...
Yeah.


You're not against it?
Living with me.

No, I'M not.

But putting that aside... I don't know, it almost seems... nostalgic?
I don't think any guy would be against living with you.
I feel calm when I'M close to you like this.

...!

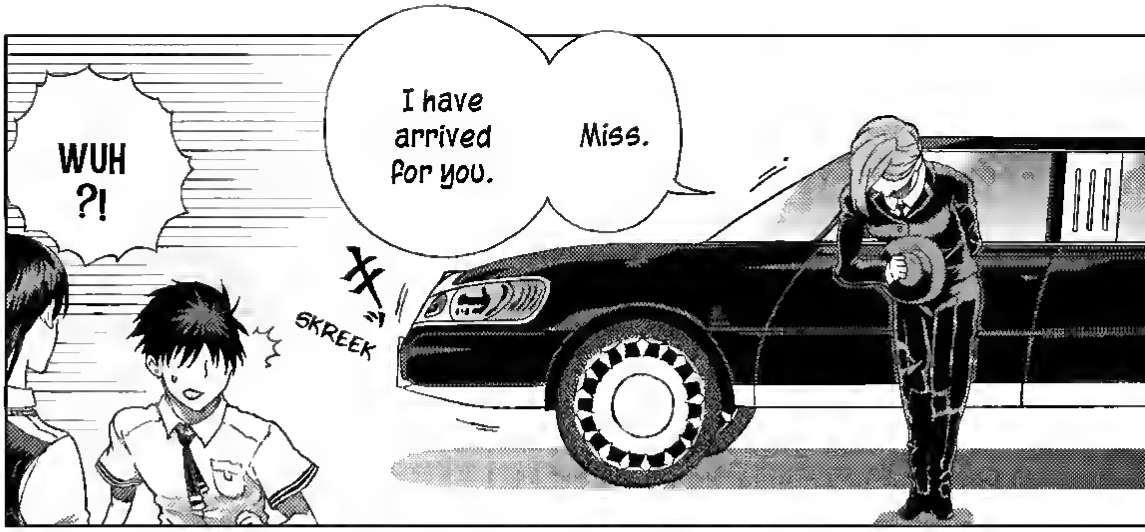
Almost like the two of us
have had...

"Have had a relationship for ages."
"It was probably something really important."
"But I just can't remember what it was."
"I wonder if you know anything about that, Kagari."
...
Right?

Well,
that's hard to answer.
Huh ?

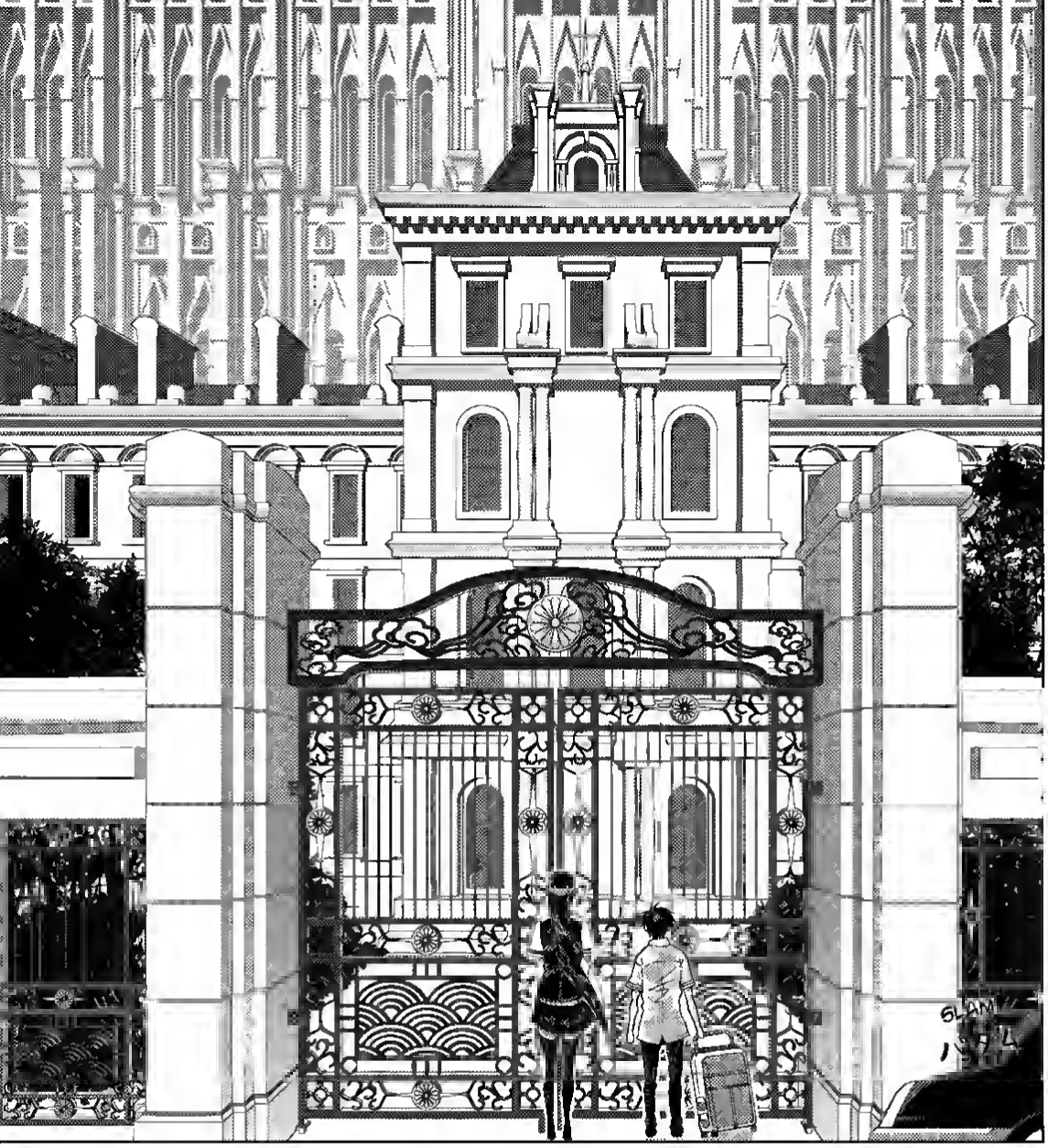
!
...
Y-Yeah.

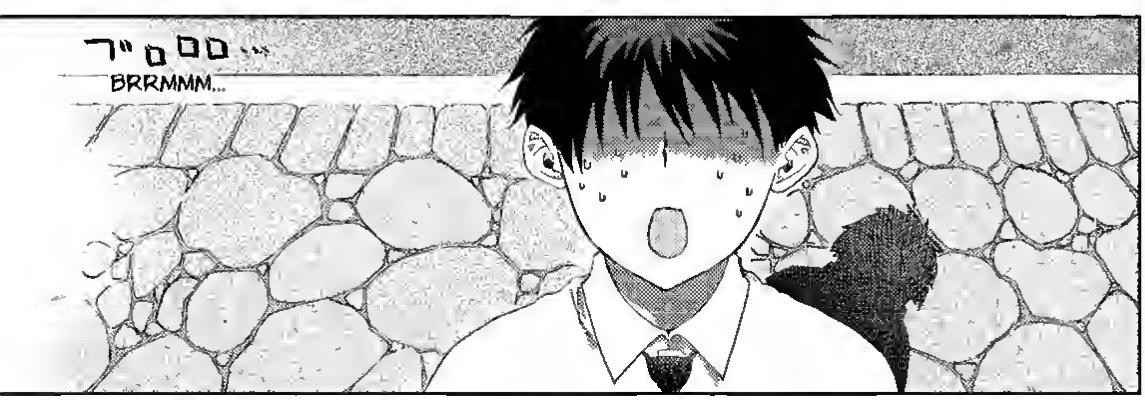
I also
barely remember anything about you.
I feel someone made it that way.
I believe whoever that is, they have something to do with your power.
So, I'm sorry, but I don't have anything to tell you.
There is one point of difference between us, though. I remember what my mission is.
"Do everything to protect Takamiya."
That thought has stayed with me.
That's ...


WUH ?!
I have arrived for you.
Miss.
SKREEK

?!!
Coming?

SO SHE'S RICH...
ゴトン CLUNK
CLUNK ゴトン
GUESS SHE IS THE CHAIR-WOMAN'S DAUGHTER.

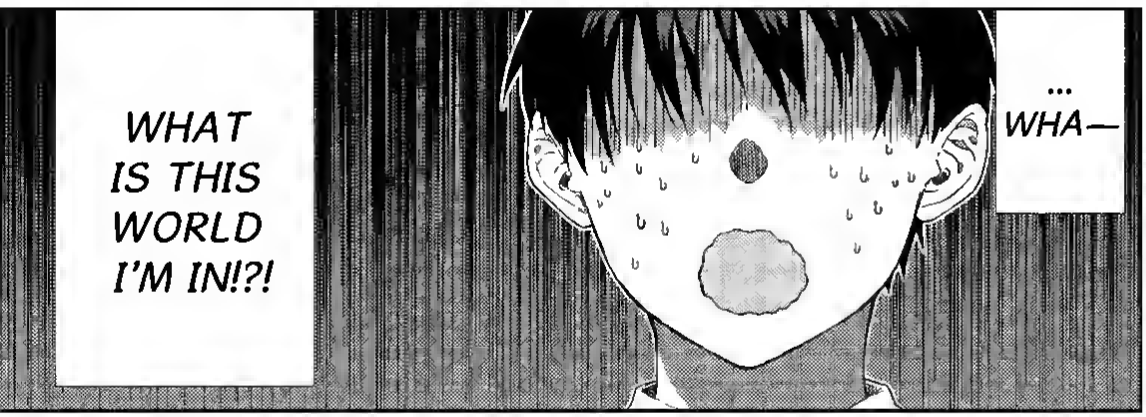

SLAM

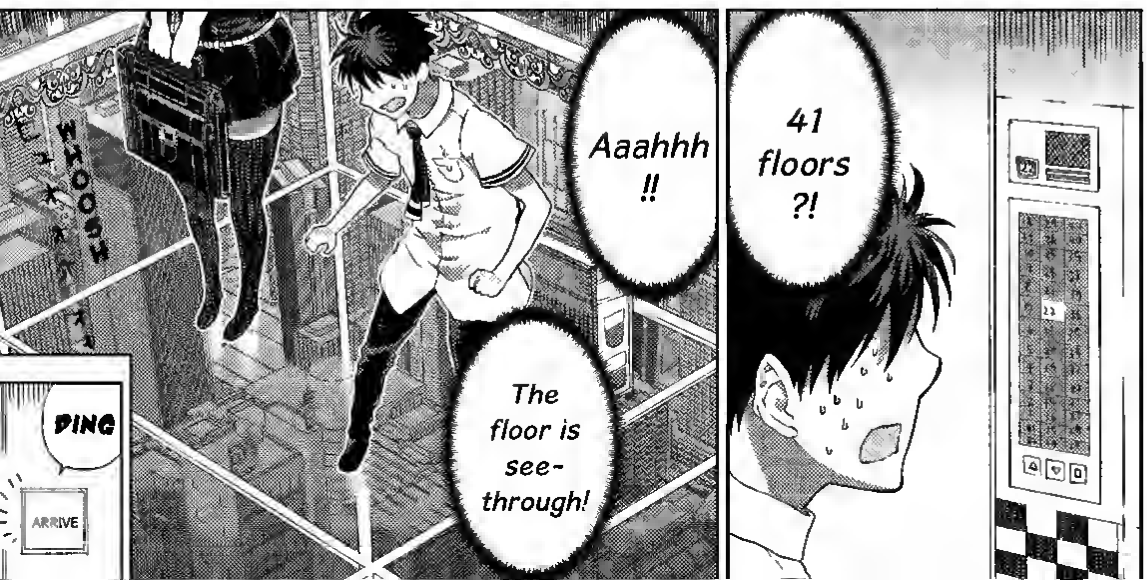

BRRMMM...

ZWOOSH
Welcome home, Miss.

We'll take the elevator.
KLOK
KLOK
...
My room is on the top floor.

GOONG
ゴーン
GOONG
ゴーン


WHAT IS THIS WORLD I'M IN!?!
... WHA—


WHOOSH
Aaahhh !!
The floor is see-through!
41 floors ?!
DING
ARRIVE

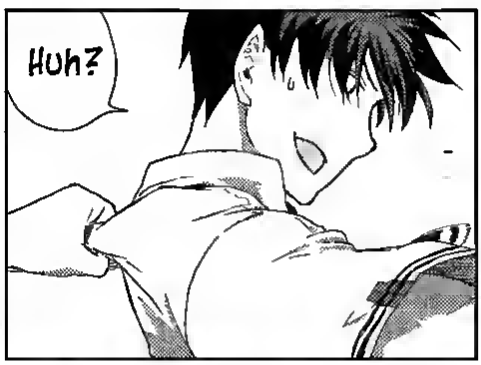
BAM
ズズズ
zzzt
So you're finally back.
I was oh so bored waiting for you.
Um... is she a maid?
?!!

ズズズ
zzzt
So you're finally back.
I was oh so bored waiting for you.

BAM
Um... is she a maid?
?!!

ばっ
SNAP
Hey—
This is some very avant-garde fashion.

SLAM
だ
WAGH
!


Huh?

Go to the twelfth floor.
KAGARI ?

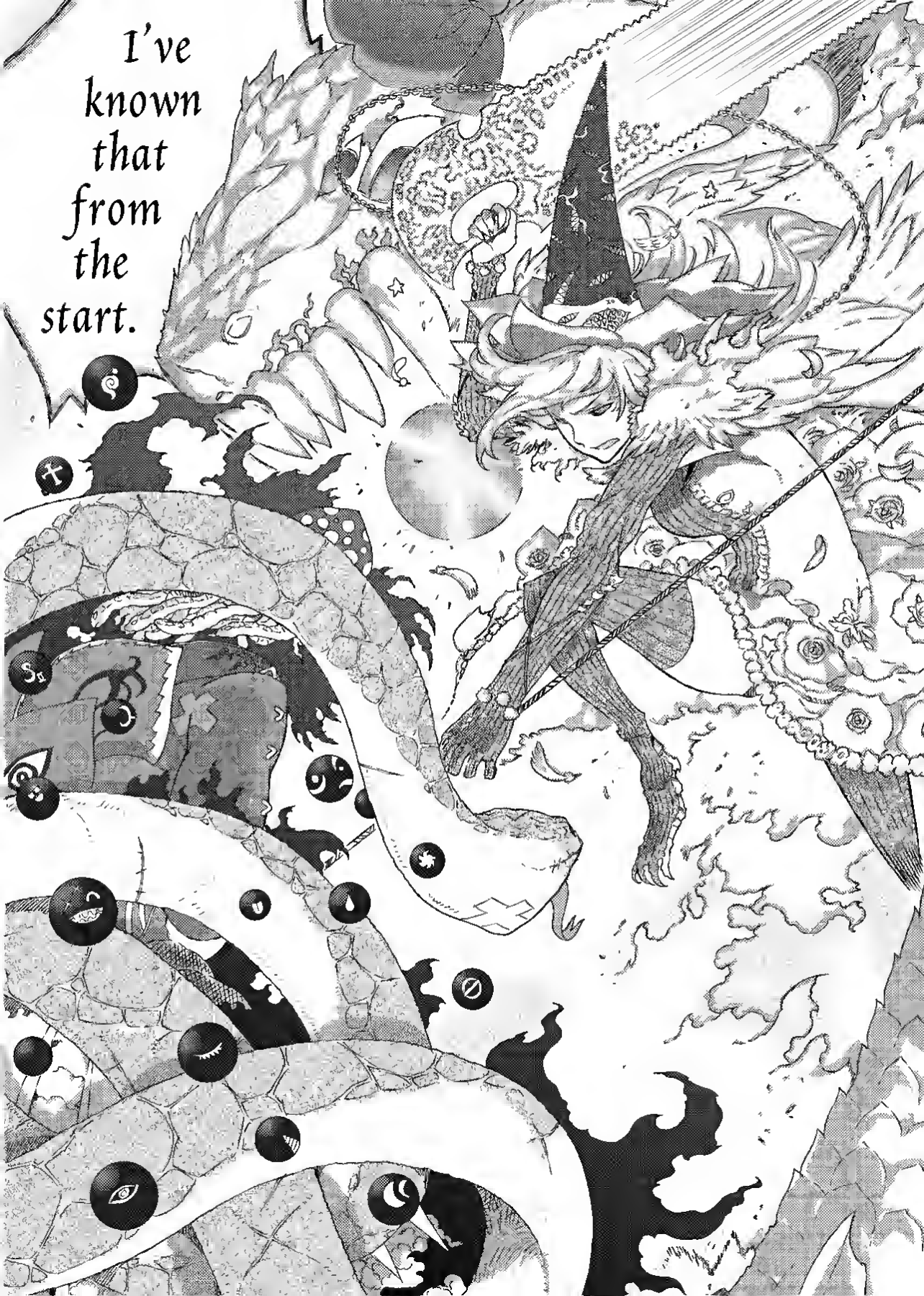
What got into you?
Change of plans.
ウィ——ン
WHIIN

KAGARI !
SLAM
ばたん

HUUUUH
?
...
THUMP
どき
どき
THUMP
Medusa, the Tower Witch and the youngest of the Gorgon Sisters.
Any last words? I'd be happy to listen.
ズズズ
GWOOOSH

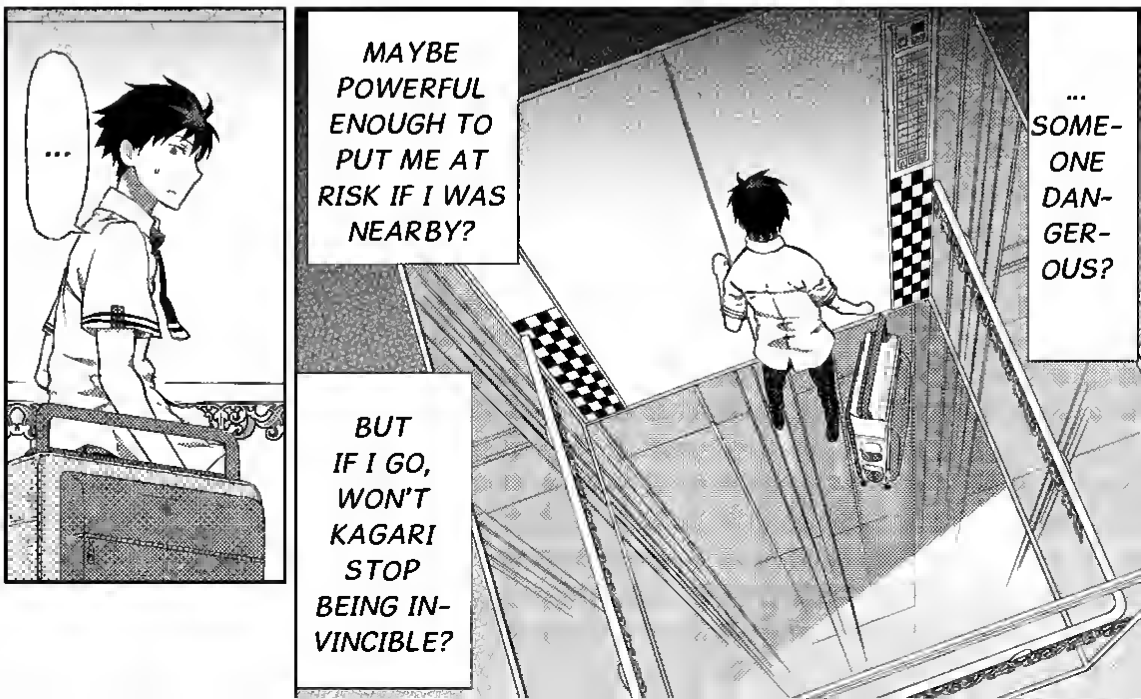
I've known that from the start.
You don't even deserve to hear my name.
Then let's begin! You had better not hold back, or else you'll be a dead woman!!
I exist to protect you. I'm just—

I exist to protect you. I'M just—
You don't even deserve to hear my name.
Then let's begin! You had better not hold back, or else you'll be a dead woman!!


I've known that from the start.

17 31
16 30
15 29
14 28
CLIK
CLIK
CLIK
BAM だん
...
IT'S NOT OPEN-ING!
AN ENEMY!!
THAT WAS...

WHY?
THINK, HONO-KA!
BUT THIS TIME WAS DIFFERENT.
SHE USUALLY SAYS TO "STAY BY HER SIDE"...


...
MAYBE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO PUT ME AT RISK IF I WAS NEARBY?
... SOME-ONE DAN-GER-OUS?
BUT IF I GO, WON'T KAGARI STOP BEING IN-VINCIBLE?

I HAVE TO TAKE ACTION!
ばん
BAM
SWOOSH
ばさ

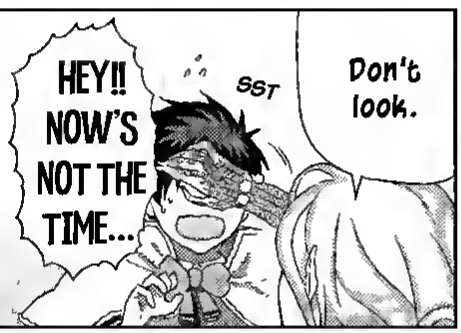
BEND
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
ACK!
I'VE BEEN TRAINING SO THAT
I WON'T HAVE TO DRAG HER DOWN ANY MORE!
SHOOM
I CAN'T JUST RUN AWAY ON MY OWN.

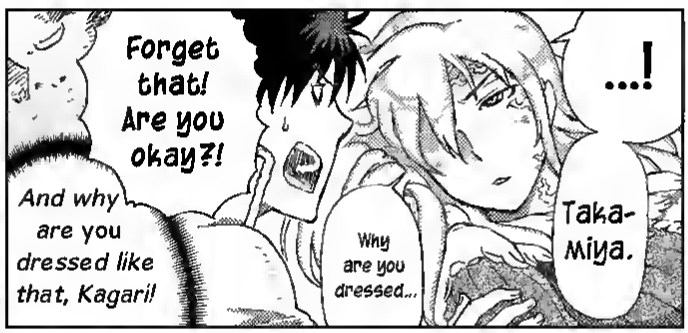
ZBOOM
AAGH!

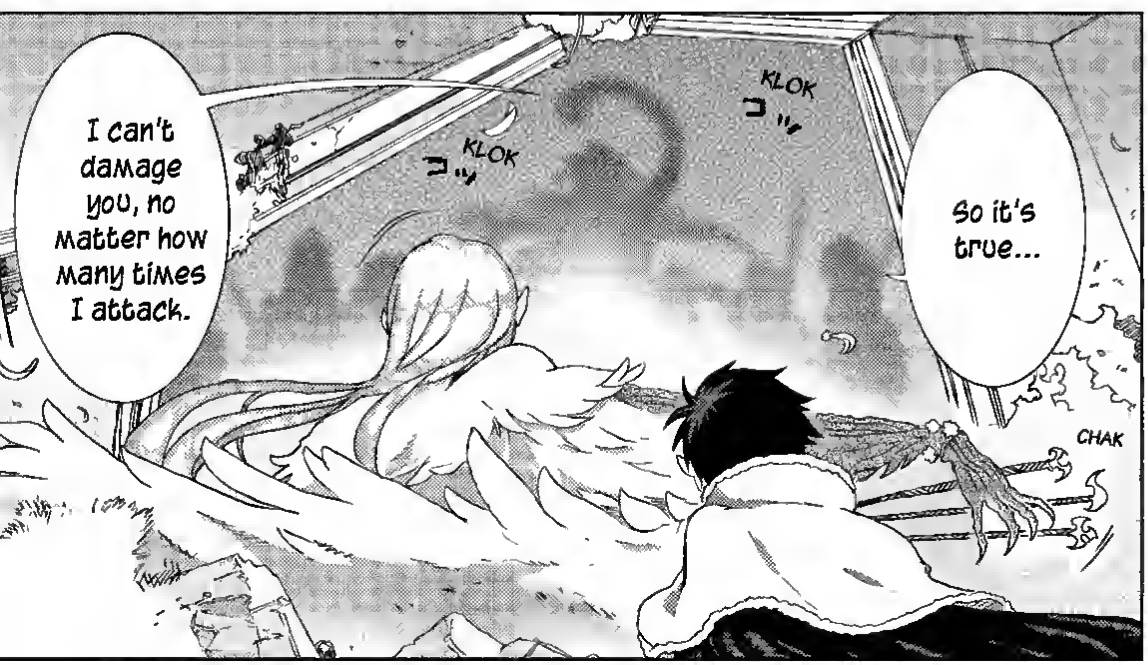
WHA-

?!
KLATTER

BAM
ばっ
Kagari !!
Mmh ...

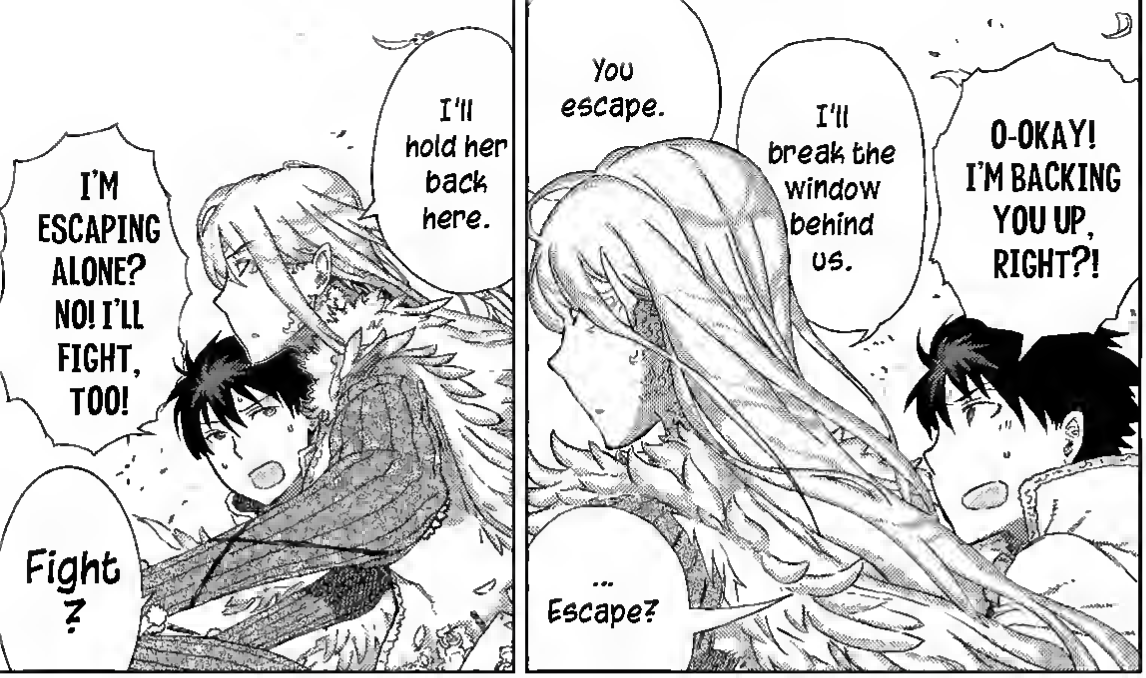

HEY!! NOW'S NOT THE TIME...
SST
Don't look.


Forget that! Are you okay?!
...!
And why are you dressed like that, Kagari!
Why are you dressed...
Taka-Miya.


I can't damage you, no matter how many times I attack.
KLOK
KLOK
So it's true...
CHAK

BWHOOSH
medusa girls
KLOK
CHARMED
KLOK

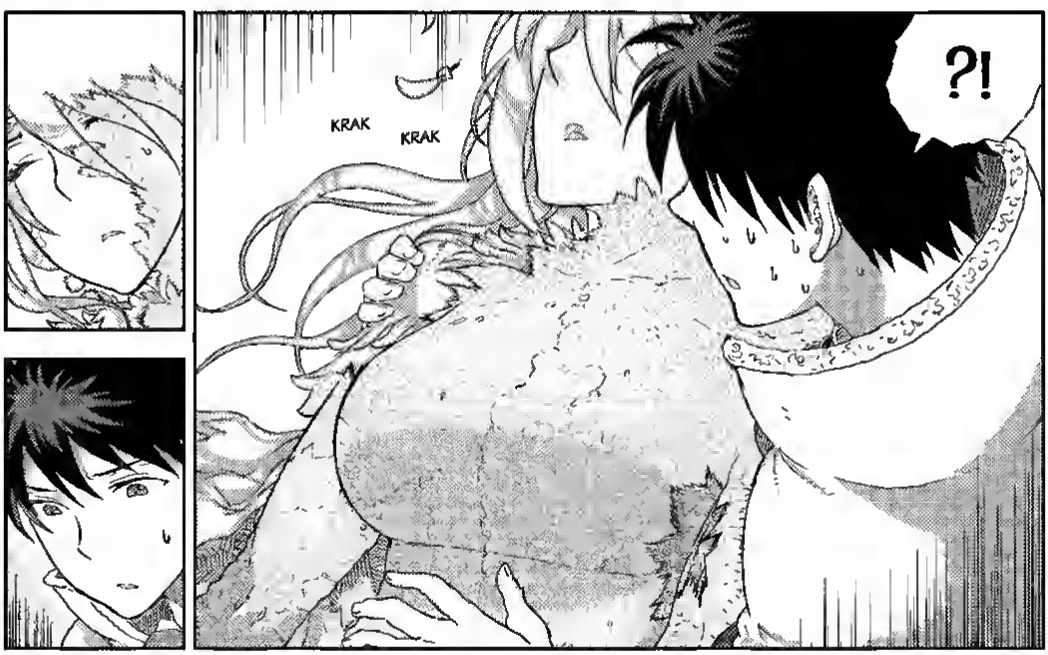
Take out your broom.
Taka-miya.
!
KLOK
ZWOOM
ZWOOM


I'M ESCAPING ALONE? NO! I'LL FIGHT, TOO!
I'll hold her back here.
Fight?
You escape.
I'll break the window behind us.
O-OKAY! I'M BACKING YOU UP, RIGHT?!
...
Escape?

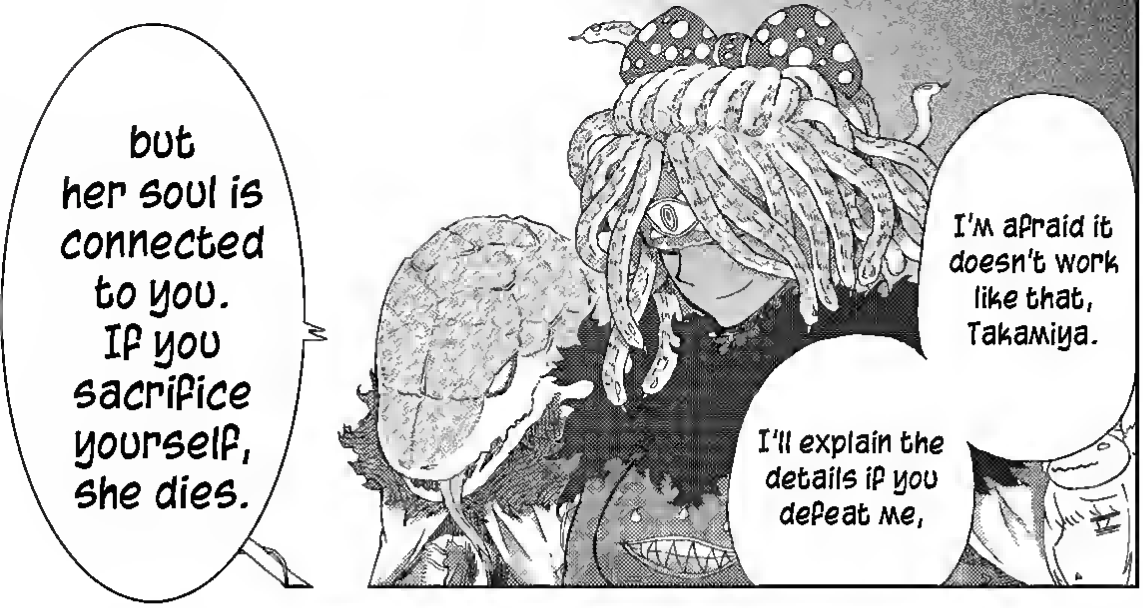
• How the robe works
• How to use a broom
...Wuhh!!
...
WHA
Only how to escape in situations like this...
I haven't taught you how to fight, you know.
Yeah !!

?!
KRAK KRAK
PWE EEE EET

Kagari!!
WOBBL
Agh—


KRAK
KRAK
?!

I'll do what you say! Just leave Kagari alone!!
That's enough! It's me you want, right?!
I get it!!


but her soul is connected to you. If you sacrifice yourself, she dies.
I'm afraid it doesn't work like that, Takamiya.
I'll explain the details if you defeat me,

I CAN'T SAVE KAGARI UNLESS I CAN GET BOTH OF US OUT OF THIS SITUATION.
THAT MEANS...
...OH.
SO OUR FATES ARE LINKED TOGETHER.

—WHEN I WAS PACKING, I WAS WORRIED IT MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE FOR MY FAMILY...
SO I BROUGHT IT WITH ME.
IT MUST'VE FALLEN OUT OF MY BAG WITH THE IMPACT.
GLINT

AE.G.I.S
And of all times, it's in my hands right now.
Those were her words.
"This will release your power."

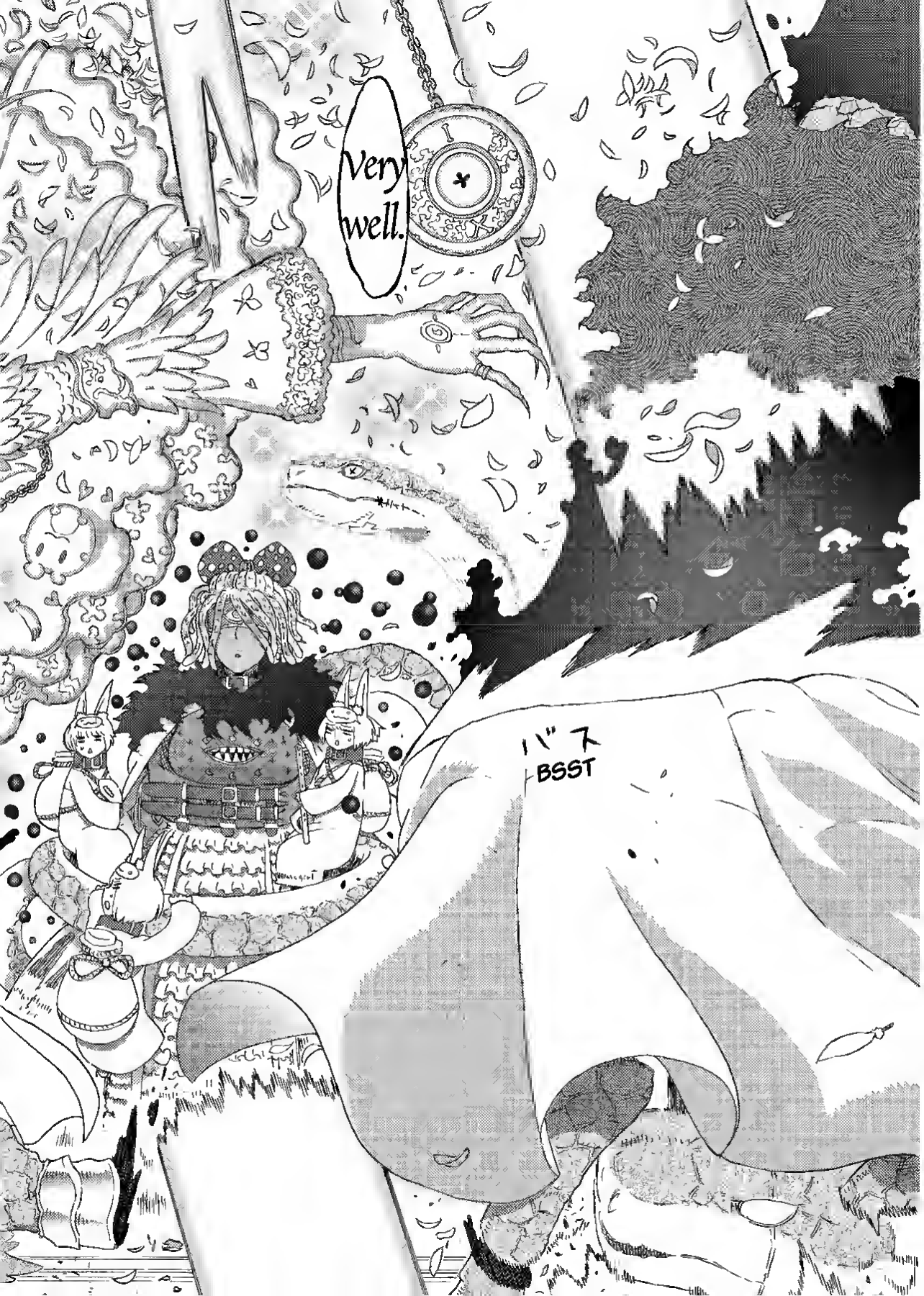
She's been protecting me to keep me from doing this.
It must be a TRAP.
But that's not what Kagari wants.
I might even be able to defeat that witch.
I can save Kagari by using this.
If that girl was telling the truth,

TUG
to finish you off.
I think it's time...

GULP
So what if it is !!!

I'll do it some-how!
CHAKKT
I just have to control that "power," right?
!!
I'M not letting you take away her future!
We've only been together for two weeks, but I owe Kagari more than I could ever repay.
Our fu-ture ...
is ours alone !!

Your wish
shall be granted.
Very well.
BSST
バス
BSST
バス


Very well.
バス
BSST

Your wish
shall be granted.
BSST

WITCHCRAFT WORKS 2

END

Mommy's a crybaby.

AYAKA KAGARI
A SECOND-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AT TOUGETSU ACADEMY. CLASS F, SEAT #6.
BEAUTIFUL, STYLISH, AND SMART. SHE'S BASICALLY THE SCHOOL'S IDOL, AND SHE'S MY CLASSMATE.
Princess !!
HONOKA TAKAMIYA.
THE BORING, AVERAGE PROTAGONIST OF THIS STORY WHO ONLY GETS A TINY INTRODUCTION PANEL.
Afternoon Magazine
Spin-off Edition
WE USED TO NEVER SPEAK.
WHILE WE SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER,

AND OUR RELATIONSHIP COMPLETELY CHANGED.
BUT ONE DAY, I WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE "TOWER WITCHES,"
THE WITCH WHO SAVED ME FROM THEM WAS, OF ALL PEOPLE, KAGARI.
SHE WAS AN INVINCIBLE FIRE WITCH...
WHOSE JOB IT IS TO PROTECT ME!!

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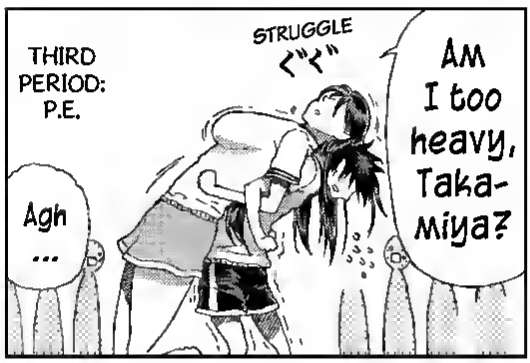

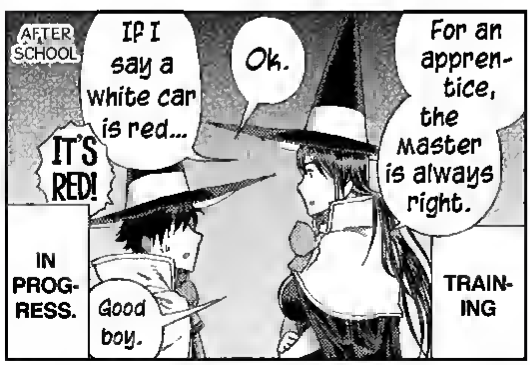

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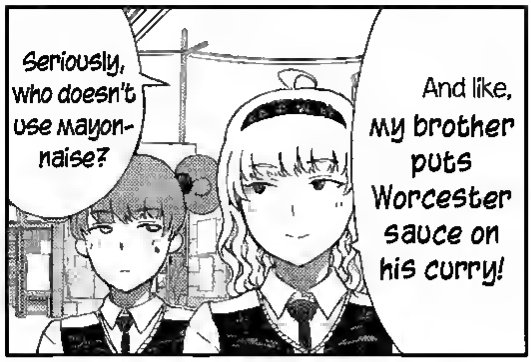

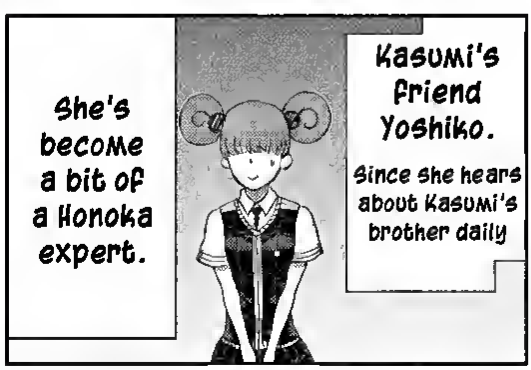

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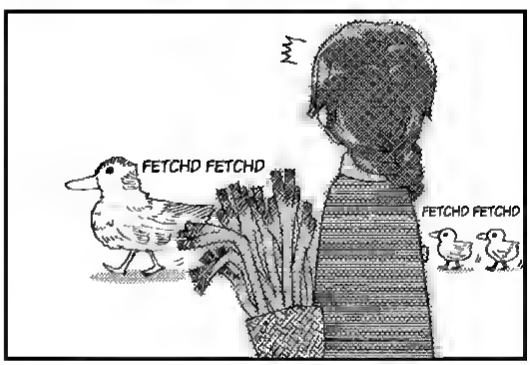

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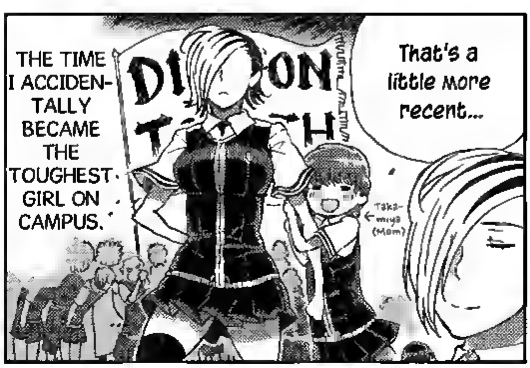
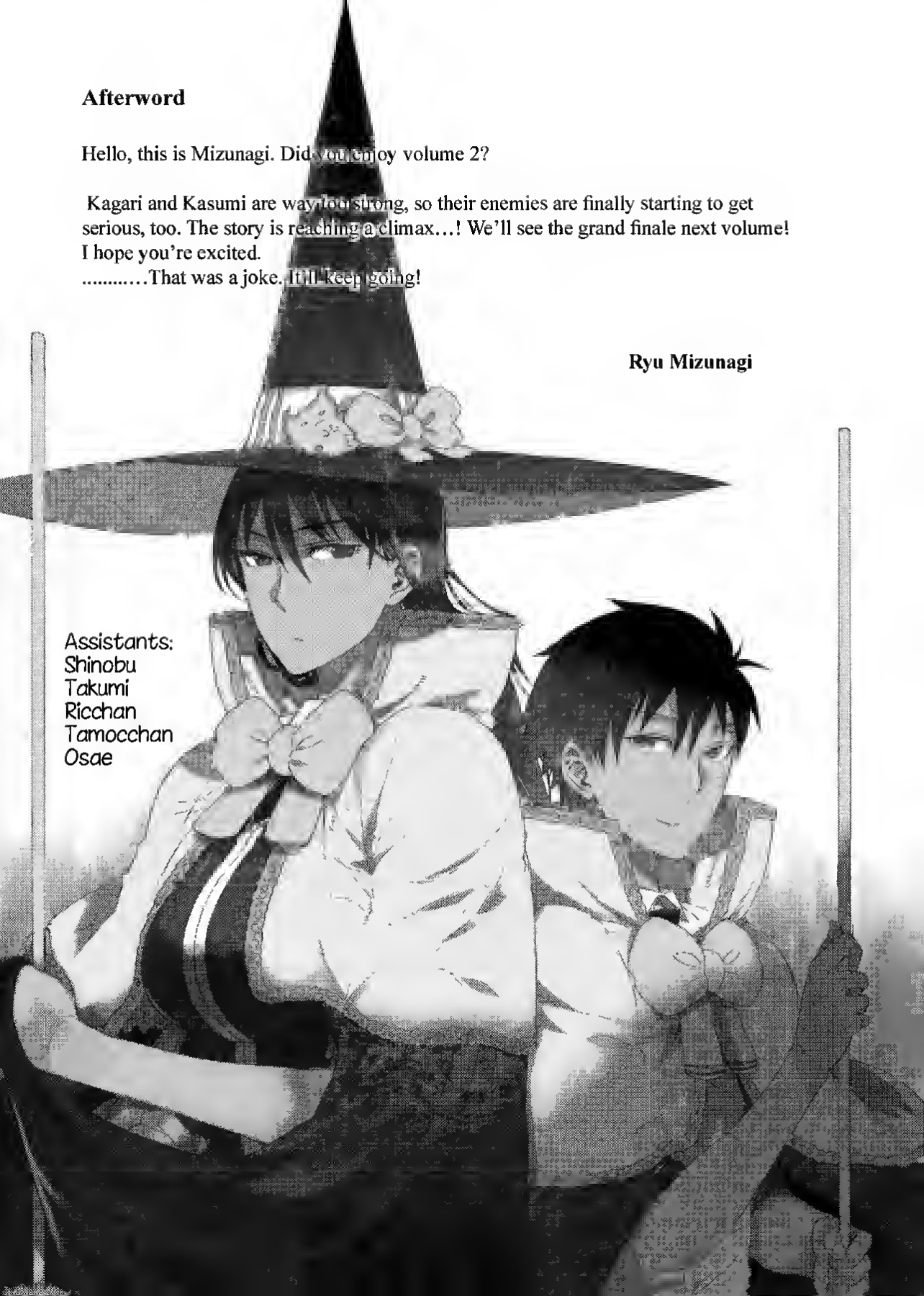


Afterword

Hello, this is Mizunagi. Did you enjoy volume 2?

Kagari and Kasumi are way too strong, so their enemies are finally starting to get serious, too. The story is reaching a climax…! We'll see the grand finale next volume! I hope you're excited.
.....That was a joke. It'll keep going!

Ryu Mizunagi



Witchcraft Works

WITCHCRAFT WORKS CHAPTER 8 BONUS
TAKAMIYA'S EYEWITNESS STORIES!

COLD, SWEET RED BEAN SOUP.

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SETTING + SECRETS

These pages are a collection of behind-the-scenes character and story elements that probably won't affect or appear in the main story, as well as comments by the author. If you finish reading the story and think, "I want to know more!" then we hope you enjoy the information here.

Chapter 4.5: Takamiya and the Story Until Now

★ This was published in magazine format as chapter 6.5, right before chapter 7. Since these were originally rejected thumbnails for chapter 4, though, they would chronologically be chapter 4.5.

If the pages were chapter 6.5, it would be strange for Takamiya to not be studying (training) during a break. I was happy to be able to put it before chapter 5 in the collected volumes. Takamiya rested his head on his right hand in order to avoid Kagari in volume 1, but he switches to his left hand at around this time.

Chapter 5: Takamiya and Chronoire's Trap

I wanted to explain the secret behind Kagari's invincibility in this chapter.

★ Rapid stream attack.

• Honoka Takamiya
Takamiya is revealed to be the source of Kagari's power in this chapter.

• Ayaka Kagari
In one scene, Chronoire calls Ayaka a "Firestarter." In the story's world, there are two types of Witches (magic users) who use fire:
· Pyromancers, who release fire from their hands or staves.
· Firestarters, who freely ignite the air around them.

★ Damage Transfer
A passive skill that causes any damage done to Takamiya to be taken by a contracted knight instead, as long as they are within a certain range. In exchange, the knight's own body becomes invincible. There are other details regarding the transfer, but they have not been revealed yet.

★ Tempest Mode
A powerful witch form that Ayaka can attain if she is able to draw out a certain amount of power from Takamiya. Her Stage 10 phase.
Appears along with a fire drake known as the "Blazing Archer."

• Chronoire Schwarz VI
A Tower Witch followed around by a suited crocodile. Sets up a barrier known as the Seas of Nous on top of an Aion Extraction, trapping Kagari and Takamiya.

★ Aion Extraction
Magical arithmatica used for time calculus. Great skill is required to use it due to the high risk involved when manipulating time.

★ Risk
Time manipulation is an incredibly delicate task, and timeline distortions will occur unless the Witch has an incredible amount of skill. When distortions occur, two hounds known as the "Ebony Swords" appear who chase the time manipulator to the farthest depths of hell and obliterate them. As they are able to freely move through space-time, there is no way to run from them. Or at least, that's how it goes, but all of that is for waste because it's never going to appear in the main story.

★ Seas of Nous
One kind of multi-dimensional special barrier magic.
Can only be activated during Aion Extraction (in this case, time stopping).
Generates an Internal World within a given boundary, creating a sea of life. In this case, the barrier is directly linked to Chronoire's mind, allowing her to reign over the creator of any Nous by enabling any of her thoughts to be manifested when she presses her switch.
Its drawback is that it continuously uses a huge amount of magical energy and expensive magical gems, making it impossible to sustain for a long period of time.

★ Candy
A magical drug known as the "Siren's Master." Creating one requires the use of a large amount of magical energy.

Chapter 6: Takamiya and Kagari's After-school Lessons

After-school training. I wanted to show our two main characters on a broomstick rendezvous in this chapter.

✿ Robe
Makes the body lighter and stores brooms. Also makes those around the wearer not notice them, though this doesn't work on witches. The wearer's stealth disappears if touched.

• Cat
Also visible in Kagari's private room on campus during volume 1. Kagari's pet, this cat freely walks around both inside and outside the school.

• Girls shaking down a student (The King Crew)
Students from St. Jural Girls Academy, located near Tougetsu Academy. Because of Tougetsu's reputation for having refined students with high test scores, they become easy targets for shakedowns. We see many of them appear in fine shape in chapter 7, so it looks like they were okay despite being blown away.

• Girl being shaken down (Tougetsu High student)
Yoshiko Tanuma, Kasumi's good friend. Kasumi calls her "Tanutanu."

Chapter 7: Takamiya and His Mean Little Sister

I wanted to draw the little sister I wish I had in this chapter.

• Kasumi Takamiya
Takamiya's little sister. A Workshop Witch who protects her older brother when Kagari can't be near him. Usually an incredibly good girl, but when her brother is involved, she transforms into a tyrant who wields violence in the name of justice.
Has a unique understanding of a sibling relationship, and makes claims to unreasonable obligations and rights as a result. Frighteningly easy to excite when it involves her brother.
Because Kagari couldn't be on the bus with Takamiya in volume 1, chapter 3, Kasumi is shown filling in for her.

• MacaRon
A moving teddy bear. Named after one of Honoka's favorite foods. A mega-mystery to crypto-zoologists, MacaRon sometimes grows to huge sizes on Kasumi's command. Scared of Kagari.

• Furry-ear
Her new and improved white rabbit knight was briskly beaten by Kasumi's beastly bear MacaRon.

• Chronoire Schwarz VI
In her schemes to bring about her long-awaited Walpurgisnacht, she incites the furry-ears, captures others Tower Witches, and more.

• Kazane Kagari
Acts as an intermediary from the chairwoman's office. Was summoned by the mayor after the day's incidents.

Chapter 8: Takamiya and the Witch with Stone Eyes and Stone Hands

I wanted to draw the White Princess in this chapter.

• Medusa
A brilliant witch born to the famous and ancient Gorgon family. Has two older sisters. The furry-ears' master and the user of the Earth-based skill "Stone Eyes and Stone Hands".

• Medusa Girls
The group of three furry-eared girls on Medusa's tail. Seen in non-battle mode in the scene when the elevator doors open. I put them here because the lack of furry-ears in the chapter was bringing my stress level to life-threatening heights.

• Komachi Takamiya
Honoka's mother. A calm, peaceful airhead. Her clothes show that she's a regular office lady. Her tendency to cry and abandon her home affairs at the drop of a hat led to Takamiya's little sister growing up strong. Special skill: hula-hooping. A very good friend since her school days with Chairwoman Kazane Kagari.

• Kasumi Takamiya
Her violent ways were getting so out of hand that apparently my assistants were weirded out when she smiles in the 4-panel comic at the end of the volume.

• MacaRon
The beloved mascot of the Takamiya household. Held by Kasumi when she sleeps, and by mom when she cries.

• Evermillion
The manifestation of Takamiya's "white stuff." As her name, "White Princess," suggests, her entire body is white and luminous.

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